



# ←350 SEATTLE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Above: Orca art at the Salish Sea Day of Action. Right: 350 Seattle helped hundreds of students vote at UW doing GOTV for 1631. Opposite: Kayaktivists against the Trans Mountain pipeline.

## Mission

350 Seattle works toward climate justice by organizing people to make deep system change: resisting fossil fuels; building momentum for healthy alternatives; and fostering resilient, just, and welcoming communities.





# 2018: A Year of Building Power

2018 was a year of building power. Our new Housing and Transportation teams started pushing progressive policies at the city level. Our Amazon campaign began organizing and training tech workers to leverage their power to act on climate. We delved into state policy work, finding a niche where we could bring people power to bear on Olympia. Our bank actions drew people in and gave us a chance to train hundreds in direct action. Our anti-racism and anti-patriarchy trainings moved our equity work forward. And throughout the year, new volunteers came — in droves.



With the completion of our restructuring, we have more flexibility and resilience than ever before, including power distributed out to four major circles of governance.

## **2018 had 4 major themes:**

- Building power
- Engaging in big, bold action
- Changing the story of what's possible
- Holding the Thin Green Line

All of this is possible thanks to the tremendously talented and generous community of people who support 350 Seattle.

Thank you.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Building Power in the City

350 Seattle's city solutions teams worked to make Seattle a real climate leader.

**Transportation** organized with partners to improve key transportation infrastructure. The team's work included:

- Winning increased bike parking requirements while lowering car parking requirements for new developments.
- Making sure plans for the Basic Bike Network, the Center City Connector Streetcar, and 35th Ave. protected bike lanes stayed intact.
- Winning new temporary bus lanes downtown.
- Helping win transit benefits for over 10,000 workers in the UW Pass or Fail Campaign.
- Strengthening our capacity to create an accessible, carbon-free transportation system by helping launch the Move All Seattle Sustainably (MASS) coalition.

## Seattle council backs more parking-free development





Our Transportation Team's Park(ing) Day "beach" installation highlighted the threat of sea level rise.

## Housing

- Held a big fall educational forum that addressed the impacts of race and class on zoning policy and density.
- Supported the head tax, and fought for and won affordable housing at Fort Lawton; relaxed ADU restrictions; and the prioritization of surplus city land for housing.

## Public Bank

- In 2017, we pushed for a Public Bank feasibility study and got it. The conclusion of the study: A Public Bank is legal and feasible. Seattle is now working on a Public Bank Business Plan.

## Building Power in the Region

Our **Amazon team** is organizing tech workers who care about climate change to influence the company they work for — the most valuable public corporation in the world, and one with 50,000 workers in Seattle alone. In 2018, 21 Amazon workers filed a shareholder resolution calling on the company to make a plan to mitigate its climate risks and move to 100% renewable energy.

After working hard throughout 2018, in early January, our **Fossil Free KC team** won its campaign for an immediate moratorium on all new and expanded fossil fuel infrastructure in King County.



# Building Power Across the State



We started 2018 at opening day of the state legislature — Climate Countdown Day 1 — with a call to action: “We have a climate crisis, you need to act now!”

Throughout the session, we made hundreds of phone calls, sent thousands of emails, and held a youth lobby day. And the legislature failed to pass any meaningful climate policy.



After the session, energy shifted toward Yes on 1631. 350 Seattle was proud to be a part of the largest coalition in Washington State history, and to play our part by gathering thousands of signatures, knocking on tens of thousands of doors, and, in the final two days of the election, helping to print off over 1,000 ballots for students at UW, enabling many of them to vote for the first time. We’ve also supported the growth of 350.org groups in Washington State, nurturing independent chapters 350 Eastside and 350 Tacoma. There are now ten 350.org affiliated groups in Washington State — giving us more leverage to act in the year ahead.

# Engaging in Big, Bold Action

Very quickly several items were removed from the box truck and erected in the street blocking traffic. The items were 4 large wooden teepees about 15 feet tall with a wooden platform on top, a wooden box about 12 feet long, potted plants and several banners. The protesters had clearly practiced erecting these items and used handheld power tools to screw the items together quickly much like a NASCAR pit crew. Each of the 4 teepees quickly had a ladder put up to its side and one person climbed on top of each teepee before the ladder was removed.

Seattle Police Department police report complimenting us!

JP Morgan Chase is the largest funder of fossil fuels on Wall Street — funding numerous pipelines that are being built without Free, Prior, and Informed Consent from affected tribal nations. And, the Pacific Northwest Headquarters of JP Morgan Chase is here in Seattle — how handy.

Partnering with national groups and local Indigenous leaders, we Shut Down Chase (again) in May and December 2018.





# Engaging in Big, Bold Action



Tar sands pipeline giant Kinder Morgan also has a facility here in Seattle: in May we joined Greenpeace, Mosquito Fleet, and a host of other groups for a mass action on land and on the water to show Seattle's profound opposition to the building of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

Meanwhile, Puget Sound Energy has been building a massive LNG facility in Tacoma, without all its permits, despite the opposition of local residents and the Puyallup tribe. We built a small replica longhouse in front of PSE's Bellevue headquarters — before receiving the permit we applied for — just to give them a taste of their own medicine.





# Changing the Story of What's Possible

With major articles covering 350 Seattle campaigns in *The New York Times*, Bloomberg, *The Seattle Times*, and Democracy Now, as well as every local TV and radio station, we helped ensure that the urgency of the climate crisis was in the news.



Our **Artful Activism** team creates beautiful art that shows us what's possible. Whether it's huge banners, such as the ones we've installed on Hwy 99, or imaginative world-we-want-vs-world-we-don't banners for City Council meetings, we know the power of images — and more than once ours have showed up on the front page of newspapers.



# Holding the Thin Green Line



We've joined tribes and communities across the Pacific Northwest to successfully hold the "Thin Green Line" for another year. We know that it's imperative that we move the region and the economy firmly away from any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure — so we make sure it doesn't get built.

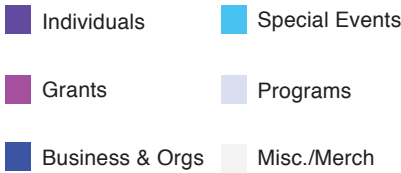
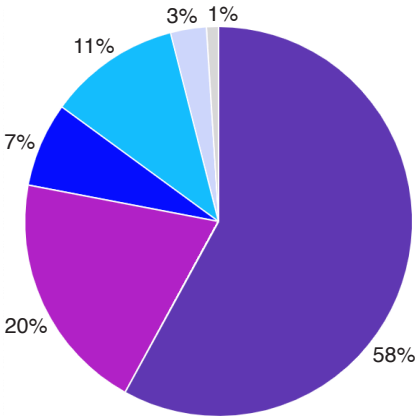
## In 2018, we:

- Put pressure on Puget Sound Energy to halt construction of the LNG facility and plan for a 100% renewables-powered future.
- Worked with 350 Eastside to delay PSE's North Seattle Lateral Upgrade (a fracked gas pipeline expansion).
- Held the Salish Sea Day of Action, uniting people across borders in over 30 actions to show that "we are the water." Its major focus was to show beautiful, broad opposition to the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion ... a fight that continues this year.

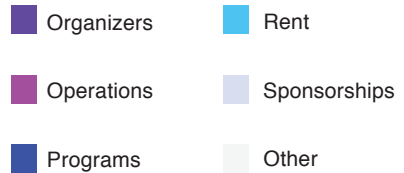
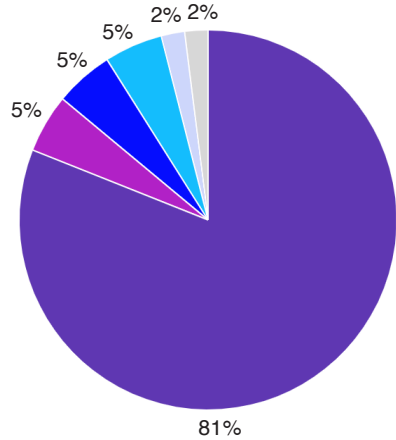


# Finances (Preliminary and Unaudited)

Revenue: \$334,890



Expenses: \$262,703



Net: \$72,187

## Thank You!

All of this was only possible thanks to you! We especially want to thank:

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- **The outgoing board – the “Hub”:** Alec Connon, Valerie Costa, Emily Johnston, Sue Lenander, Patrick Mazza, David Perk, Selden Prentice.
- **The incoming board:** Barbara Bengtsson, Peter Hasegawa, Patrick Mazza, Rachel McDonald, Megan Wade.
- **Our donors:** 792 donors; 210 monthly donors; 45 foundations, organizations, faith communities, and businesses that supported us.
- **Our supporters:** 8,037 people on our email list who support this work by making calls, sending emails, showing up to hearings, joining actions, making art and being the engine of everything that we do.





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