



What is Puget Sound Off (PSO)?

A training program and youth-driven website which provides Seattle area youth with a forum for discussion, artistic expression, and action as a way to empower and encourage them to develop a strong public voice. The PSO site will include issue and group pages (for local youth organizations) containing blogging, polling, user content, creative user multimedia, calendar, jobs and group networking features.

Why is it important?

PSO is an opportunity to apply the principles of citizenship and media literacy to empower young people in the region of Seattle to express themselves, connect to local resources, share values and concerns, and engage with each other and policymakers in seeking solutions and taking action.

Key Partners

- ✓ City of Seattle Community Technology Program (IT Department) (Main Sponsor)
- ✓ Metrocenter YMCA Seattle (Youth Engagement Sponsor)
- ✓ Center for Communication and Civic Engagement (CCCE), University of Washington (Academic Sponsor through MacArthur Foundation funding)
- ✓ DigitalAid (Development Consultant)
- ✓ One Economy (Technology Sponsor)

Current Stage

The PSO partner team is working to develop, enhance and launch a website that was designed by youth during the summer of 2007. This will result in a robust, user-driven site that leverages social networking capabilities and community tools. The website is built on the open source platform, Drupal, and is expected to launch in April 2008.

Questions?

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