



## Re+ Community Panel

The threat of climate change to our region is undeniable. We've witnessed unprecedented heat waves, flooding, and forest fires that increasingly put the wellbeing of our communities and environment at risk. This is acutely true for communities facing disproportionate climate impacts due to historic and current inequalities, particularly Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC).

Re+ is a King County Solid Waste Division program dedicated to reducing the impact of climate change by preventing and reducing waste. With the help of the Re+ Community Panel, we're working towards a more sustainable future that elevates the priorities and expertise of our most impacted communities.

### What is Re+?

The products we use day to day take finite resources and energy to produce. Making, packaging, and disposing these products all contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. When products are thrown away, it adds up to a significant loss of valuable materials and comes at a high human and environmental cost.

The Re+ program is focused on keeping valuable materials in use and out of the landfill. Most cities in King County use the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. By 2037, the landfill will reach full capacity. Re+ is developing projects that will reduce the waste going to the landfill, reduce our environmental footprint, and create jobs. By rethinking what and how we consume, Re+ believes we can create a healthy, thriving, safe, and waste-free King County.

Currently the program is launching initiatives to stimulate a waste-free economy, promote business practices that hold companies responsible for the waste they produce, and making food and yard waste collection accessible, beneficial, and cost-effective for community members.

### What is the Re+ community panel?

The Re+ community panel will bring together a diverse group of community leaders from across King County to shape how Re+ implements initiatives and strategies.

The community panel will participate in meetings over the course of 2022-2023 to share perspectives on topics such as:

- What does a safe, healthy, thriving, and waste-free community look like?
- What does it mean for the community to benefit from a circular economy, where we reduce the production of single-use items and reuse those that cannot be eliminated?
- How can we ensure that the transition to a waste-free community contributes to the economic empowerment of the communities most impacted by environmental issues?
- What will it take to make services like food and yard waste collection more accessible?

Re+ will compensate panel members with \$225 for each meeting they participate in. Panel members may be asked to review materials and answer reflection questions outside of meeting time. Re+ estimates a total of 12-16 meetings over the course of 2022-2023. **The first two meetings will take place on March 2 at 6 PM and March 16 at 6 PM.** Later meetings will be scheduled with the input of panel members.

### Who can participate in the Re+ community panel?

We strongly encourage applicants with:

- Lived experience as members of frontline communities - those most likely to be impacted by climate change: low-income, BIPOC, immigrant, refugee, LGBTQ (non-binary, femme-identified), and formerly incarcerated
- Concentrated representation for South King County (Seattle is often over-represented)

### Apply to the community panel

To apply to the community panel, please complete the following steps by January 21, 2022:

- Send a brief written or recorded statement explaining why you would like to join the community panel and what perspectives you would bring to the panel to Patty Liu at [pliu@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pliu@kingcounty.gov) with the subject line "Re+ Community Panel Application"
  - *Optional: You may attach or link to projects, websites, or other information that further explain your interest in the project or your perspective*
- Fill out this [form](#) confirming you are eligible to participate in the panel

If you need any accommodations to submit your application, please let us know. We will strive to provide any accommodations individuals would require to participate in the panel. Please share any questions or requests for accommodations with Patty Liu at [pliu@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pliu@kingcounty.gov) with the subject line "Re+ Community Panel Application."