

# 2019 Annual Report

#### **People-Powered Climate Action**

350 Seattle's mission is to work 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.

### **Key Accomplishments**

In 2019, 350 Seattle dramatically scaled up our work to support a transition away from fossil fuels and towards an equitable clean energy future. Below are highlights from our three overarching areas of work.

# Resisting the expansion of fossil fuels

- Our #FossilFreeKC campaign brought in thousands of comments and calls from King
  County residents and partner organizations calling for an end to our fossil fuel addiction.
  In January, King County became the largest jurisdiction in the nation to initiate a ban on
  new major fossil fuel infrastructure, starting with a 6-month moratorium while kicking
  off a longer-term regulatory update. In May, after mounting public pressure, the
  Governor finally came out against Tacoma LNG and Kalama Methanol.
- We organized 50 Seattle-based organizations, community leaders and City Council candidates to sign a community letter asking City Attorney Pete Holmes to move ahead with a lawsuit against the fossil fuel industry; he has indicated that he will do so.
- Our newly-launched **Port campaign** is researching ways that we might engage with the Port of Seattle to address the environmental impact of its activities a promising new path for potentially reducing local and regional emissions and protecting Puget Sound.

# Working toward just and equitable solutions to the climate crisis

• We launched the Seattle for a Green New Deal campaign, our most ambitious campaign to date. SGND, co-led with Got Green, calls on the City of Seattle to create its own Green New Deal to eliminate climate pollution by 2030, address historical injustices, and create good green jobs. Just three months after the campaign launch, the City Council voted for a unanimous resolution agreeing to these goals and establishing a SGND Community Oversight Board, to ensure Seattle's GND policies center communities most impacted by climate change and environmental injustice.

- In September, we convened the table that organized the youth-led **Global Climate Strike** in Seattle, with more than 10,000 people taking part.
- Hundreds of people participated in trainings hosted by 350 Seattle throughout the year, learning skills such as organizing, leadership development, non-violent resistance, undoing oppression, and political education.
- We set organization-wide Equity and Inclusion goals, which were advanced by our Equity and Inclusion team. This work has been crucial to how we've been able to show up and build the movement we need, both internally and in coalition spaces.

# Holding the fossil fuel industry and big polluters accountable

- We've spent two years incubating an incredible climate justice campaign led by tech employees at Amazon, who are pushing the company to demonstrate climate leadership and to address the enormous environmental impact of its operations. Amazon Employees for Climate Justice has garnered major national media attention, organized 3,000+ tech workers to walk out, and mobilized 8,000 employees to sign an open letter about Amazon's climate failures. Within nine months of AECJ's launch, Amazon went from refusing to release carbon footprint data to pledging to be net-carbon-zero by 2040.
- 350 Seattle's work to push JPMorgan Chase to stop funding the fossil fuel industry has spread nationally: after launching the campaign on our own in 2017, we are now co-convening a coalition of organizations from eleven different states. In April, we organized eleven groups of people to visit all 44 Chase branches in the Puget Sound region in a single day.

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