



## Equity Ambassador Cohort 3 Summary

In 24 weeks, 9 Nonprofit Association of Washington Equity Ambassadors have accomplished great things across various communities in Washington state! Each Ambassador represented diverse geographic regions, identities, lived experiences, and together spoke a total of 6 different languages. This diverse group of leaders helped bridge gaps across the nonprofit sector and open doors throughout rural communities so that nonprofits in Washington have better & equal access to resources. Cohort 3 reached nearly every nonprofit sector, logging over 500 hours of outreach. They helped increase the visibility of the nonprofit sector, identified unmet needs, enhanced program relevance, and extended the reach of programming within underserved communities as trusted messengers. They used a variety of modalities to achieve this: **Coffee Chats, Zoom Calls, Emails, in person events, Social Media, holding focus groups, and much more.**

Logged  
500+  
Hours

Reached  
95% of  
Sectors



- Deanna Lane**, Bellingham
- Victor Loo**, Seattle
- Melodie Garcia**, Burien
- Pamela Williams**, Federal Way
- Melissa Rasmussen**, Olympia
- Eada Al-Soodani**, Peshastin
- Chauné Fitzgerald**, Richland
- Elizabeth Perez**, Pullman
- Meaghan Schroeder**, Kettle Falls

“I deeply appreciated getting to know the other Equity Ambassadors for their professionalism and generosity in sharing resources from their regions.”

“I will continue to spread the word about NAWA and the services, the organization provides. DEI trainings I believe are in high demand everywhere.”

“My time as an EA with NAWA has been generative for my personal and professional development, especially through the relationships I’ve made in our small community of nonprofit leaders.”

“I found the discussion among EAs during monthly meetings to be quite vibrant, and it seemed as though a lot of collaboration, and input for NAWA. As a statewide network chosen for our diverse perspectives and connections to our local communities, there’s a lot of value we can bring.”

“Most of my work was a natural extension of my work in the Washington nonprofit community. I made consistent attempts to create engagement on various social media platforms, including Facebook and LinkedIn. I shared opportunities for networking, webinars, and for Slack that generated good discussion and participation in NAWA’s program offerings.”