

**Seattle Parks & Rec Career Explorations  
LGBTQIA+ Cohort 2022  
Leaders: Taylor Tinsley & Yosef Groener  
Number of Participants: 8**

**Cohort Name:** Alphabet Community (Formerly known as the Fruit Snacks)

**Summer Highlights:**

Group discussion on Queer related topics (coming out, Vogue/Ballroom, the different communities under the LGBTQIA+ umbrella, positives and toxicity within the Queer community, sexual health, etc.)

**Best Field Trip:** to Seattle's LGBTQIA+ Center (Formerly Gay City) to receive a tour, access to supplies and resources, and free HIV/STI Testing and Museum of Pop Culture.

**Volunteer Project:** Lifelong Thrift Store, a Queer thrift store and HIV/STI testing center.

**Other Fun Events :** Lots and lots of art projects and art museums (Frye Art Museum, Seattle Art Museum, Van Gogh Experience, etc.) and attending Alaffia Drum Circle and receiving African dance and drumming instruction. We used this variety of activities to facilitate relevant discussions and activities among our cohort.

**Cohort Photos**



Teen getting free haircut at the Ranier Beach Gun Violence Protest



Teen's handpicked flowers at the Beacon Food Forest BIPOC Affinity Space



Affirmation writing with Gay Seattle



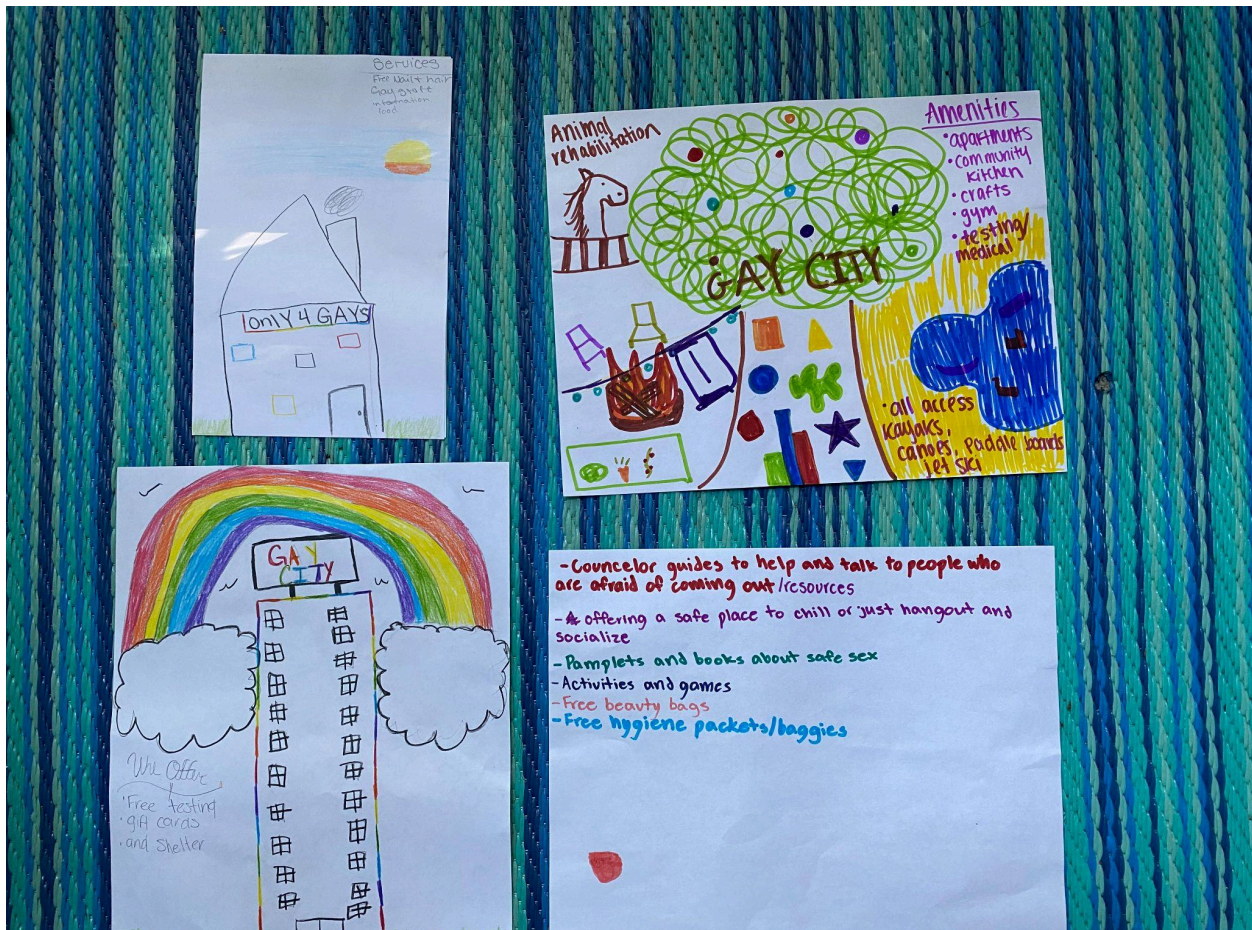
Teens at MoPop Museum





Teen's Pride Flag art project for Big Day of Play

Writing/Drawing Prompt:  
What does your gay look like?





## More Summer Highlights



Volunteering at Lifelong Thrift Shop, a nonprofit supporting individuals with HIV/AIDS and other chronic conditions



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Interns working on a creative activity on the Gay City field trip



Interns learning Chinese textile dyeing art method on the end of summer camping trip