



Creating the Bike Leaders of Tomorrow

"When I was a child, I had no idea that the new-found feeling of freedom that comes with learning to ride a bike would become a feeling I could return to forever. Now I understand that riding a bike is like visiting an old friend who will never ask you where you've been but will always tell you I'm glad you're here."

Alpha Barry, age 15 Recycle-A-Bicycle Youth Ambassador & Youth Bike Summit 2012 Keynote Speaker "It's a great time and a great place to have a Summit. Youth are the future and they have a big stake in the game in terms of wanting to see that their streets are as safe as they can possibly be."

Janette Sadik-Khan, NYC Transportation Commissioner

"It's nice to see a movement grow with events like this that really bring people together and in this case, is inspiring the next generation of bicycle advocates."

Andy Clarke, President, League of American Bicyclists





About Recycle-A-Bicycle

Recycle-A-Bicycle is a community-based bike shop and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that utilizes the bicycle as a resource to foster youth development, environmental education, community engagement, and healthy living. Through retail storefronts, social entrepreneurship, and innovative programs, such as Earn-A-Bike, Green Jobs Training Programs, High School Internships, Recycled Arts Workshops, Summer Youth Employment Program, and Kids Ride Club, Recycle-A-Bicycle is dedicated to the stewardship and empowerment of youth and communities in New York City and beyond.

Recycle-A-Bicycle salvages 1,800 bicycles from the waste stream each year, diverting a total of 47,500 pounds of waste from NYC's landfills.



In the past year alone, more than 1,000 Recycle-A-Bicycle youth collectively



History of the Youth Bike Summit

In March 2010, Recycle-A-Bicycle (RAB) attended the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Summit with two high school interns who had completed a comprehensive job training program and Earn-A-Bike program at RAB. Kim and Kristi learned they loved bicycles and expressed an interest in learning more about how bicycling fits into policy, the environment, social entrepreneurship, and community-building.

Traveling to Washington DC for the first time, the 17 year old participants explored the nation's capital by bike, attended the conference, and lobbied elected officials. As we debriefed on the bus ride home, we discussed the importance of engaging youth in the national dialogue of cycling education and advocacy. As a result, the idea of the Youth Bike Summit came into being. Both young advocates were active participants in the planning of the first Youth Bike Summit.

"I have come to believe that bicycling is like the hub of a wheel; it's the central point to which all the spokes connect. Building a bike at Recycle-A-Bicycle led me to advocate for Safe Routes to School at the National Bike Summit in DC, which led to the creation of the Youth Bike Summit. By insisting on an inter-generational effort within bike advocacy, we secure the longevity and broader community investment in our growing movement."



Impact of the Youth Bike Summit

300+ attendees of all ages from community bike shops, schools, and advocacy organizations

20+ states represented across the US

20+ workshop sessions and events presented over three days

New groups and projects
formed as a result of the
Youth Bike Summit

(NYC) - Aims to break barriers for women and bike riders by offering

Chain Reaction
Mobile Bike Shop
(Youth run project at
Bikes Not Bombs in
Boston)



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