



IMPACT REPORT

2017



WHY TWO WHEEL VIEW?

Two Wheel View's youth programming aims to impact young people in three key outcome areas:

✦ **SOCIAL OUTCOMES** including positive changes in healthy relationships (with peers and adults), self-esteem, confidence, self-efficacy, the desire to try new things, problem-solving abilities, school connectedness and leadership attributes.

✦ **CULTURAL OUTCOMES** which include increased exploration of perspectives on cultural identity and cultural belonging, increased connection to traditional lands, and increased connection to community.

✦ **ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES** which include positive changes in environmental awareness and the desire to pursue environmentally sustainable activities. Program outcomes also include the development of practical bike mechanic skills that enable youth to fix their own bikes and approach mechanical problems with a sense of self-efficacy, as well as outcomes related to healthy living (e.g. increased physical activity).

≡ Together, the positive changes fostered through Two Wheel View programming move youth towards increased resiliency that supports long-term success.

OUR MISSION:

to provide youth development programs that use the bicycle as a tool to build resiliency.

EARN-A-BIKE (ALSO CALLED BIKE CLUB)

The Earn-a-Bike program uses the bicycle as a tool to foster leadership, teamwork and social emotional skills. While learning how to repair bikes, positive peer and adult connections are made – critical for youth development. Upon completion, participants earn a bike of their own, along with a lock and helmet. Youth who have completed the program speak about their growth in creative thinking and problem-solving as well as the communication and cooperation skills they've acquired. They feel that learning to fix bicycles has bolstered their confidence, inspired them to try new things and help others more often.



BIKE TRIPS

Through Bike Trips, youth have the opportunity to participate in expeditions in Canada and/or abroad. This grass-roots approach to responsible travel supports participants in exploring culture and gaining valuable experiences while making meaningful community connections. Bike Trips help build resiliency and enhance participants' sense of achievement and self-esteem and desire to pursue healthy lifestyles. The trips also support a connection to nature and teach about taking care of the environment.



FULL CYCLE PROGRAM

The Full Cycle Program engages First Nations youth in a combined Earn-a-Bike and Bike Trip experience embedded in First Nations school spaces. The program intentionally encourages First Nations youth to attend school and to engage in positive activity that builds community and enhances youth resiliency. Bike Trips through the Full Cycle Program take place on traditional First Nations territory, supporting youth in connecting with their cultural traditions and exploring the natural world around them.





NEW DIGS FROM DIRTT Two Wheel View Expansion

One of the most significant changes at Two Wheel View in 2017 has been our move to our new office, bike shop and workshop space in the community of Sunalta. Long before we moved from our Community Wise Office, we were introduced to Calgary-based DIRTT by one of our regular TWV supporters, Deliver Good. DIRTT constructs innovative corporate, educational and medical spaces all over the world, and are leaders in green design projects. By repurposing existing DIRTT project mock-ups and office spaces, they transformed our new space providing all the room we need to support and expand programs. The new configuration includes offices and workstations, a washroom and kitchen. DIRTT contributed over 500 volunteer hours and TWV staff and volunteers worked closely with them in order to make the installation a success. We are so grateful to DIRTT for building us professional, efficient and beautiful space allowing us to reach more youth.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

SUSTAINABILITY Two Wheel View's Venture

2017 marked the year that TWV open the doors on our next big project: our social enterprise bike shop. With our new space, we are now selling bikes that are not being used for our Earn-a-Bike programs. All proceeds from these bikes and other TWV merchandise go directly to our mission of changing kids' lives from the seat of a bike. This income-generating project gives us the opportunity to diversify our funding and provide reasonably priced, high quality bikes for members of the Calgary community. We are looking forward to a busy spring and summer of 2018 and the chance to get more people rolling!



POWERFUL PROGRAMMING Two Wheel View in the neighbourhood

With the move of Two Wheel View's headquarters to Sunalta, the Beltline Bike Club (BBC) moved locations to the new youth workshop space. This program has been running for over three years thanks to generous funding from the Collaborative Funders Table. BBC runs every Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm and is led by two ambitious and knowledgeable TWV staff members, Robyn and Becky, along with a few good-hearted volunteers.

From September through June, neighbourhood youth learn a variety of bike mechanic skills as a part of the "build-a-bike" initiative. Upon program completion each participant takes their finished product home!

The aim of this program is not just kinesthetic learning of practical skills, though it is an added bonus, but also social and emotional growth and resiliency building. Through the great work of our leaders, BBC encourages empathy, leadership, self-regulation, and agency. It's also a great place for kids to meet like-minded pedal heads.

Some of the ways that these soft skills are acquired are through opening and closing circles where everyone comes together to speak in a safe environment. The topics are not explained in an intense way but rather demonstrated. Everyone is encouraged to have a voice and everyone has the opportunity to be heard. Leaders also benefit from this program, as this work is both powerful and authentic – it must be taught and lived in order to be fully shared.



1,281
TOTAL YOUTH IMPACTED

EARN-A-BIKE

- NUMBER OF EARN A BIKE PROGRAMS COMPLETED (DEMAND IS TWICE WHAT WE CAN CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATE) — 17
- THOSE WHO FELT THEY MADE NEW FRIENDS THROUGH THE PROGRAM — 75%
- THOSE WHO FELT BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES DUE TO THEIR PARTICIPATION — 75%
- PARTICIPANTS WHO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT NOW FIXING THINGS ON THEIR OWN — 69%



"It's a really fun after school program where you get to learn bike mechanics, build your own bike, work on bikes — all the while hang out with other youth who are interested in bikes!"

FULL CYCLE PROGRAM MORLEY AND EDEN VALLEY

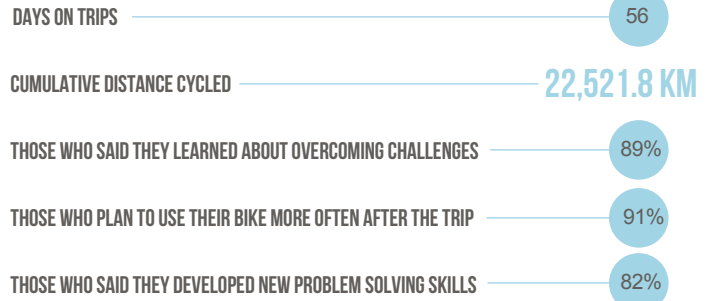
- 36 YOUTH PARTICIPATED (UP FROM 25 IN 2016) — +30%
- PARTICIPANTS WHO FELT CONNECTED TO THEIR TWO WHEEL VIEW MENTORS — 100%
- PARTICIPANTS WHO FELT BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES AFTER THE EXPERIENCE — 92%
- BIKE CLUB PARTICIPANTS WHO SAID THEY WANT TO TRY MORE NEW THINGS — 69%
- THOSE WHO DID BOTH PROGRAMS AND SAID THEY WANT TO TRY MORE NEW THINGS — 85%



"I learned how to fix my own bike and I learned how to communicate and cooperate with others."



BIKE TRIPS



"The most important part of this bike trip for me is the confidence I got and the fact that I accomplished something."



"I liked how even though people don't know who you are or what else has happened in your life they accept you and treat you as if you have already been friends."

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WE INVITE YOU TO GET INVOLVED

Here are just a few of the opportunities that Two Wheel View offers for learning, sharing, mentoring and volunteering:

- Volunteer Mechanics Nights
- Daytime Shop Crew
- Fundraiser Support
- Corporate / Service Club
- Team Building Opportunities

1,114

TWV VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2017

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