BUILD A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

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PKTrains ADVOCATES FOR A DIGITAL WORLD





As technology changes the landscape, a new generation of diverse advocates is needed to join the fight to keep public interest at the center of laws governing the digital world. Public Knowledge trains public interest fellows with an immersive and action-oriented training experience right in the heart of tech policy advocacy in Washington, D.C. Since its launch in 2014, Public Knowledge's PKTrains program has trained more than 20 full-time postgraduate fellows.

At PKTrains, we're not just training advocates – we're shaping the leaders of tomorrow. We're crafting a future where marginalized people sit at the policymaking table to represent the real needs of the country. Join us in our journey to create a more inclusive and equitable digital future.



Training

PKTrains fellows don't just observe; they learn by working closely with Public Knowledge's seasoned lawyers and advocates. They participate in pivotal decisions and discussions with Congress, with federal agencies like the FCC, FTC, and DOJ, in coalition meetings, and with the press. The result is a deeply enriching, practical learning experience that equips them with the skills necessary to influence tech laws and regulations positively.

Privileged Conversations

Alongside our fellowship programs, we've also launched our Privileged Conversations series. This initiative is a unique platform where recent graduates and students of color can have meaningful conversations about tech policy, advocacy, and career paths with Public Knowledge's President and CEO as well as an experienced tech policy leader of color.

Sherwin Lee Siy Memorial Fellowship

In 2022, we further enriched our PKTrains program with the addition of the Sherwin Lee Siy Memorial Fellowship. This endowed fellowship honors the legacy of Sherwin Lee Siy, our former Legal Director, and provides an exceptional opportunity for budding public interest advocates to dive into the world of tech law and policy.



Dallas Harris Nevada State Senator

"The best part about the fellowship is the opportunity to learn from some of the leaders in the public interest technology space and being able to meet with decision-makers."

Tsion Tesfaye

National Digital Inclusion Alliance

"After my time with Public Knowledge, I approach my work with greater curiosity, still influenced by my conversations with veterans in the policy field during my fellowship."



Alisa Valentin National Urban League

"This fellowship has allowed me to tie my passion for social justice to the digital space and it has exceeded my expectations."

Fellows Find Their Calling

