



Welcome aboard, LeAsia Johnson!

Washington Maritime Blue Hires LeAsia Johnson as Youth Programs Manager.



LeAsia Johnson joins Maritime Blue with over ten years of experience serving BIPOC youth and young adults from underserved communities in South Seattle and South King County areas, providing career and education navigation, mentorship and wrap-around services.

LeAsia will join the Equity team as Youth Programs Manager where she will plan, develop, and implement youth programs and serve as mentor and leader to youth participants.

In the last five years, LeAsia developed and successfully led the Youth Maritime Program (YMP) at Evergreen Goodwill and established strong partnerships within the Youth Maritime Collaborative to ensure that high barrier youth have equitable access to maritime career and educational pathways.

LeAsia studied Business Information Technology and Hospitality Management at South Seattle College and has received training in Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, Leadership, and Effective Teaching Styles over her career. Born and raised in Seattle, LeAsia has strong community ties to central and South King County and has a deep understanding of the impacts of gentrification and displacement of BIPOC families. LeAsia believes that a foundation nurtured by a strong village will help alleviate disparities faced in urban communities and strengthen young minds to grow to their fullest potential.

As a DEI trainer, LeAsia looks forward to continuing to improve workplace practices within the Maritime sector and create more opportunities for youth to have open invitations to explore, create, and lead in the industry.

In her personal time, LeAsia enjoys outings with her two children, Julien and Lena. They love traveling, any kind of water activities, and have a goal to try all the fruits this world has to offer at least once.

We are excited for LeAsia to bring her passion for youth workforce development and DEI expertise to the Washington Maritime Blue team.

You can [click here](#) to find out more about Maritime Blue's Youth Maritime Collaborative.

To learn more and find out how to engage, you can reach out directly to LeAsia at leasia@maritimeblue.org.



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