

From Hunger Strikes to Board Rooms

Young activist finds purpose in path for social justice

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Activist Cameron Whitten wipes his bike down from the rain as he sits down in his small Union Station office stacked doo-to-door with dozens of other work spaces overlooking Old Town and the Pearl. Whitten is the new leader for the community service organization, Know Your City, and a young African-American male who not so long ago was one of the countless homeless youth passing through the Pacific Northwest, many of whom might be getting off a train or a Greyhound bus right downstairs from where is now employed.

"I will never forget how lucky I was as an 18-year-old homeless youth during one of the worst recessions in American history," he says of his start in Portland six years ago.



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Cameron Whitten, the new executive director for the Know Your City organization, says he loves putting time into changing the world around him and loves having a hand in the city's future.

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