

# Yes Fest!

Did you catch YesFest?! In August, Yesler celebrated its first free community party in the park.



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YESLER TERRACE PARK

**yes fest** 2021

FRIDAY AUGUST 6  
FRIDAY AUGUST 27  
4:00-6:00PM

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2021  
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**Laya says:**  
My personal favorite part of the event was capturing the look of hopefulness and joy in peoples' faces as we came together to celebrate I think the overall goal of YesFest was to bring back the culture and so far we are having a good start at doing so.



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# MMRTI's Summer Movies

This summer, MMRTI's Youth Media program created two documentaries. Go to YouTube to watch!

**"Digital Access"** <https://youtu.be/mKaS-jSS09w>

**"Away Forward: The Impact of the Pandemic on Our Community"**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoGOBttZkXE>

## Ilham Mohamed

Ilham Mohamed was a digital navigator at MMRTI over the summer. She helped create a film on digital access. Here's what Mohamed has to say about making the film:

*While we interviewed different people for our film, we learned that digital inequity has always been an issue waiting for a resolve. There were multiple problems that were present in the Yesler Terrace community. While the city worked to provide for the community, language barriers held them from gaining access to the resources provided. Covid-19 only worked to highlight these already present difficulties and only added more stress for the families.*

*Parents of younger children had it tough when trying to help their young ones with no experience in digital literacy. Children belonging to families of refugees, were given the responsibility to look after the younger siblings when it came to navigating the online school. As if the burden wasn't enough, students felt suffocated in their household with poor internet connection and barely enough space to continue their work. Teachers who were forced to switch to an unusual learning environment had it especially tough with very limited resources for them to adequately teach their students.*

*And although all these issues aren't completely solved, we found the community's resilience towards them incredible and motivating enough to create a film about them.*

## Ikram Mohamed

Ikram Mohamed talks about her summer work with MMRTI and the documentary they created about the impact of Covid-19:

*What I learned from making this documentary with my peers is the overwhelming theme of loss. There was a massive loss of connection the community of Yesler Terrace faced during the Covid-19 pandemic. Everyone from the elders to children struggled with loneliness. No one was going out to see each other.*

*I also learned about the importance of teamwork. Working alongside six other interns, we needed to communicate and work together to make this film happen. We needed to work together to create a documentary that represented the community of Yesler Terrace.*

*This internship was very insightful and essential for all students to partake in this internship. We learned how to use a camera, filmmaking, photography, teamwork, leadership, using our voice, giving back to the community, and so much more. I am glad I had the opportunity to intern at MMRTI.*



## Alvin Tang

Alvin Tang talks about being an MMRTI intern and his work on the documentary "A Way Forward:"

*During the Summer Program I helped with creating a documentary titled, "A Way Forward." The documentary highlighted mentally, the challenges Yesler Terrace faced throughout the pandemic and how those challenges were overcome. Everyone was impacted by it in some way, whether it was big or small.*

*After the Summer Program I continued working with MMRTI as a member of the Digital Navigators. The Digital Navigators is a team of people who assist the neighborhood and beyond with their technical needs. Support ranges from basic troubleshooting to things like registering people for financial support for internet.*