Look. I am a recreational bike rider and I meant to watch that French bike race, but it suddenly is the end of August and what is time? But I love the term peloton where we lean into each other for protection against the sidewind, to gather our strength to fight for the win. And this fall is critical to gather our strength and lean in to boost our peloton.

**Honey Do List.** (You are Honey.)

Are you up for the challenge? Two actions we invite organizations to commit to before 9/23.

1) **Share your assets!** We are mapping out all members and soon to be members on this landscape analysis. (Yes, foundations there is a lane for you.) Please complete before September 23! Bet! It will take about 15 minutes.

   - OYN Landscape Analysis

2) **Share your intake forms!** It may feel impossible, but hearing from the successes of other OYNs we feel like there is a path to bringing our data together. Upload forms HERE or send blank intake forms and common data measures you track to tcoyn@youthprise.org. Please do this before September 23!

If you accept the challenge of these two tasks, respond to this email with your favorite summer’s ending GIF or just a “You Betcha!”

Opportunity Youth Recovery Act(s)?

**The Fellows have landed!** Natasha, Z, Cierra, Jose, Joe, Misha, Meriem, Solea, & Julian have been meeting and getting grounded on efforts that have happened in the last few pandemic years. They will help to guide us to our priorities.

Policy-minded “old” partners and youth-led organizations are meeting every other week to assess organizational priorities, read the political winds, and build a winning coalition. Would you like to join? **Next meeting is September 14 at 11 a.m.** Reach out to Kristy to get a link. kristy@youthprise.org
Save the Date: September 29: 2-4 p.m. Fall OYN Members Meeting. All are welcome!

Steering Toward the Strategic Plan: Chance to weigh in.
Hear about the updates on the sprints!
- Fostering Education: A few rounds of intervention and we are ready to share what worked and didn’t to move this work forward.
- Direct Cash Transfers: Design process will be completed and hear what young people decided upon!

Let’s get to work on Data. Respond to the work of the Steering Committee and dig into possibilities of aligning data work to leverage practice and systems change.

JOY: There will be structured time (I got you introverts!) to network and hear what others have cooking to find new ways to align.

4:30-6:30 p.m.: Happy Hour at The Market at Malcolm Yards. Shout out to Quincy to let us know to look out for you! quincy@youthprise.org

Twin Cities OYN Youth Leader Takeover–2022 Region V Youth WIOA Roundtable
For better or worse, Marcus Pope went on PTO and we were able to take over a panel discussion with the Policy Fellows to present to the region’s 10 state workforce leadership teams. Misha Grauberger, Jose Perez, Hassan Qais As-Sidiq, and Joe Hampton shared their experience and insights with state workforce programs focusing on the difference between case management and mentoring (psst–they prefer mentoring!), centering the young person over job openings, and including young people as key stakeholders in the youth workforce system.

Opportunities to Share
Young Adult Public Sector Career Academy – Workforce Solutions – Reviewing applications as they come in and scheduling interviews - Program start, Monday 9/19/2022. For Ramsey County Residents, 18-24.

Diesel Technician Training with Twin Cities R!se
Starts September 12th | M-F (1-5PM)
Hennepin Technical College (Transportation Support Available)
Apply Online today! Program Eligibility Application — Twin Cities RISE (twincitiesrise.org)

And PS...Did you see Quincy’s big news? Cheers!!
CONGRATULATIONS
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Quincy Powe  Richetta Parker  Summer Nelson  Tri-Esha Williams-Vaughn  Tiana Belamy  Vachel Hudson