

# Khalsa Gurmat Center

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## Youth-Led Vision Becomes Reality: Khalsa Gurmat Center Transitions to 100% Green Energy with New Solar Installation

**FEDERAL WAY, WA – April 22, 2026** — This Earth Day, the Khalsa Gurmat Center (KGC) marks a historic milestone in its journey toward environmental stewardship with the official commissioning of a state-of-the-art solar energy system. This installation represents the culmination of a four-year grassroots movement that began not with blueprints or grants, but with the voices of the community's youth.

### A Journey Rooted in Advocacy

The seeds of this project were sown in 2022 when a dedicated group of students and parents formed the **KGC Green Team**. Driven by a commitment to the Sikh principle of *Sarbat da Bhala* (the well-being of all) and a responsibility to protect the Earth, these young advocates began transforming the center's operations.

What started as a student-led initiative to overhaul waste management—achieving a remarkable 70% waste diversion rate at major community events—quickly evolved into a broader vision for institutional sustainability. The Green Team's advocacy eventually led the center to seek a permanent, clean energy solution to power its educational and community programs.

### Powering the Future

The newly commissioned solar array will allow the center to significantly reduce its carbon footprint while redirecting energy savings back into community services and Montessori-based educational programs.

"Our journey to this moment has been entirely driven by the passion of our youth," said Dr. Jasmit Singh, the Executive Director of Khalsa Gurmat Center. "Seeing our students lead the way from simple recycling initiatives to a full-scale renewable energy transition has been profoundly inspiring. Today, we aren't just installing panels; we are honoring a promise made to the next generation."

### A Collaborative Success

The realization of this project was made possible through key regional partnerships:

- **Puget Sound Energy (PSE):** KGC was a proud recipient of a PSE Solar Grant, which provided the essential funding to make this transition financially viable.
- **A&R Solar:** The system was designed and executed by A&R Solar, whose technical expertise ensured a seamless integration of green technology into the center's infrastructure.

### **About Khalsa Gurmat Center**

Located in Federal Way, Washington, the Khalsa Gurmat Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to community service, education, and civic engagement. Through its Montessori preschool and youth leadership programs, KGC empowers the next generation to be proactive leaders in both their local and global communities.