

**MARCH 2021**



## Programs Update:

Now accepting applications for Spring 2021  
Bike Institute and Sisters In Action



We are currently accepting applications for our spring 2021 sessions of Bike Institute and Sisters In Action.

- **Bike Institute** will run from May 8th to June 12th, on Saturdays from 1-4 PM.
- **Sisters In Action** from May 18th to June 17th, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7 PM.

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**We're loading up for Rwanda!**  
Container Loading April 8-12, 2021



*Learn, Work, Develop (LWD) vocational training center and bike shop*

Bikes Not Bombs is truly honored to ship another container of bikes and tools to Learn, Work, Develop (LWD) in the Kayonza District of Rwanda from April 8-12, 2021!

[Learn Work Develop](#) (LWD) is a nonprofit established in 2013 by a group of grassroots activists in Rwanda, the Volunteers for Effective Work and Sustainable Employment (VESE). LWD's programs focus mostly on education, life skills development, and job creation for youth, particularly for young girls and women. LWD also aims to help youth increase their knowledge and capacity to address real world issues and challenges by focusing on skill areas including advocacy, human and civil rights, and women's rights.

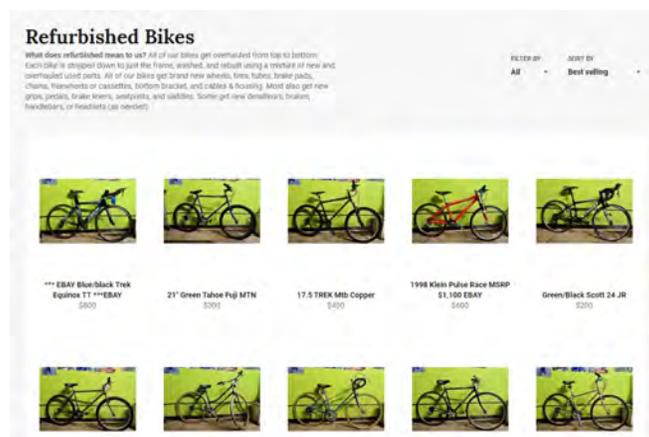
One of LWD's major goals is to reduce early marriage and teenage pregnancy in Kayonza. Operating a social enterprise bike shop that also doubles as a vocational training center for youth, LWD believes that bikes help women break gender stereotypes and mobilize them to raise awareness, advocate, and move towards financial independence.

At Bikes Not Bombs, we have the unique opportunity and privilege of using our reclaimed used bikes to make a difference not only locally, but in the lives of girls and other youth living in the Kayonza District of Rwanda.

**If you are interested in volunteering to help load the container, please contact Gary Chin, Community Engagement & Events Officer at [gary@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:gary@bikesnotbombs.org).**

## New from the Bike Shop

### Check out our latest products!



**Browse bikes for sale *and more* with our new and improved [online store](#)!**

As of March 31, products can be purchased for in-store pickup only, but we are exploring shipping options.

Grab a pair (or two) of our brand new [BNB 6" cycling socks](#), made by DeFeet. All socks are crafted with fibers made from recycled water bottles.



Get two [water bottles](#) for only \$15 (normal price: \$10/each).

Get one water bottle free with any bike purchase of \$250 or more.  
Get two water bottles free with any bike purchase of \$500 or more!

*While supplies last: 25% off all long finger gloves, and lights from MSW, Serfas, and Planet Bike.*



Upgrade your lighting with a new set of NiteRider lights!



BNB hoodies can be purchased in-store or [online](#).



Check out our new Tifosi sunglasses (to keep you stylish and safe on the road)!

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## Bike Match - Franklin M.



*"Everything was stolen from me while I was sleeping. This is the first time I've asked anybody for anything since being homeless and I am so grateful." - Franklin M, [Bike Match](#) recipient*

Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to match Franklin with this beautiful New Belgium bicycle, front and rear lights, a U-lock, and helmet.

Your gifts and bike donations are critical to ensure that people like Franklin can attain mobility and overcome economic hardship. [Bike Match](#) is a success- keep it rolling by making a tax-deductible gift today if you are able.

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## Volunteer Highlight

### Noah Milman



*Noah Milman  
March 2021 Volunteer of the Month  
Volunteer Mechanic Apprentice*

Noah Milman is our Volunteer of the Month. He graduated from the fall 2020 session of Bike Institute, and has been volunteering as a Mechanic Apprentice every Saturday since.

"I look forward to Saturdays all week because I know I can learn from wonderful mechanics and other volunteers. Everyone is responsive, passionate and committed to the growth of the community. Together, the members of the shop are fun to be around and genuinely interested in each other's well being."

As an alum, Noah plans to continue volunteering and help teach the next offering of Bike Institute this summer. We offer six unique volunteer apprenticeships. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Apprentice, please visit the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) section of our website.

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## Donor of the Month

### Robert Zevin

Robert Zevin, a Bikes Not Bombs supporter since 1999, is our Donor of the Month.

Robert recalls first learning about Bikes Not Bombs from his fellow progressive economist and early BNB supporter Jim Campen. Robert is inspired by our mission of teaching people skills, and enabling them to earn a living by working a trade within their control. Describing BNB's work as "extremely appealing, an all-around

winner”, Robert is especially impressed with our community-based economic development projects. As a progressive economist, he sees these efforts as the only real solution to the problems of capitalism. Robert has been an activist in progressive and anti-war causes for decades. In 1967, Robert was a founding member of RESIST, a local Boston foundation that supports people’s movements for justice and liberation.

Thanks for your many years of supporting Bikes Not Bombs, Robert.

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## We're Hiring!

**Sisters In Action/Bike School Coordinator (full time)**  
**Mechanic (full time)**



Bikes Not Bombs is looking to fill two full time positions. If you are passionate about youth empowerment and using the bicycle as a tool to build communities, check out our [careers page](https://bikesnotbombs.org/careers).

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## SAVE THE DATE: Ride for Black Lives - Boston



Photo by Ron Newman, *Ride for Black Lives* June 2020

The **Ride for Black Lives** series continues on Saturday, April 24th at 12:00 PM. [Mark your calendars](#) because the rides won't stop as long as there is still work to do in achieving racial equity.

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## Welcoming our newest team members!

Dan, a Massachusetts native, started racing bicycles as a junior along a closed office park in Newton. His first job was at Laughing Alley Bicycles in Allston, where he was employed as a mechanic and learned to build wheels. Dan has spent time at bikes shops in Hawaii while attending Hawaii Pacific College, and in San Diego, CA. He came back

to Boston in 2019. Dan brings over 30 years of bicycle industry experience and years of technology expertise.



*Dan Seiden*  
*Inventory & Online Sales Manager*



*Rob Cant*  
*Training & Sales Manager*

Rob grew up just outside Boston and started riding at a young age. After losing touch with cycling, he started commuting by bike in grad school and fell fully in love with the sport after moving back to Massachusetts. He has worked at the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition (MassBike) and several local bike shops in addition to volunteering with the Best Buddies Challenge. Although he is primarily a road cyclist, his favorite place to ride are the dirt roads of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Rob loves to get new riders on bikes and help anyone else advance their riding.

Kim moved to Boston in 2004 to study acupuncture and Chinese medicine after running outdoor education programs for youth in Vermont. These experiences deepened her appreciation for all of the ways that movement, community, and meaningful work help us live better lives. With over five years of experience in nonprofit development and communications, she is thrilled to now work in support of Bikes Not Bombs. When she is not at the Hub, you may find Kim cycling, trail running, or creating useful items out of clay.



*Kim Wutkiewicz*  
*Development Associate*



*Sco Thelemaque*  
*Recycling & Sales Specialist*

Sco was born in Haiti and grew up in Somerville, Massachusetts where he fell in love with bikes. Sco is a modern day adventurer, nature lover and fixie enthusiast.

## Youth Apprentices



Carlos G.



Esther M.



Hamza M.



Romeo P.

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## **E-bike Riders Needed for Cyclist Behavior Study: Earn \$300 if Eligible**

Are you between the ages of 18 and 65, and ride an e-bike to work or another location more than 15 minutes each way on local roads during the day?

Researchers at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, a US DOT research organization in Kendall Square, are studying cyclist behavior on roads around Cambridge. We invite you to participate in a study designed to increase the safety of e-bike riders. Eligible participants will earn up to \$300 for recording their biking behavior during their commute or a repeated route 4 times over the course of 2 weeks.

If interested, please send us an email at [driving.simulator@dot.gov](mailto:driving.simulator@dot.gov) to see if you're eligible!

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Donate to Bikes Not Bombs  
for continued success in 2021!

Connect with us:



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**Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:**

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm  
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm  
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm  
Friday: 12pm - 7pm  
Saturday: 11am - 5pm  
Sunday: Closed