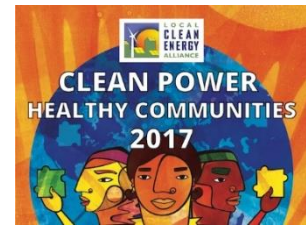


Conference Program, November 17

Bringing Energy to the Movement for Justice



8:00-Registration and Light Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Opening:

Honoring ancestors, Welcome, and Opening remarks.

9:30-10:30 Morning Plenary 1: The National Energy Democracy Movement

The current political moment, the forces at play nationally, the significance of the energy democracy movement, and where it needs to go. The session concludes with an audience Q & A.

Panelists:

- Strela Cervas, California Environmental Justice Alliance
- Anthony Giacatarino, Just Community Energy Transition Fellow
- Aiko Schaeffer, 100% Renewables Network

Moderator: Al Weinrub. Local Clean Energy Alliance

10:45-11:45 Morning Plenary 2: Energy Democracy and Local Movements

What *Bringing Energy to the Movement for Justice* means at the level of local organizing—the kinds of local institutions and initiatives that democratize energy, empower communities, build resilience, and address the critical day-to-day issues that we face. The session concludes with an audience Q & A.

Panelists:

- Vivian Huang, Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Carla Perez, Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project
- Ashura Lewis, One Voice
- Jessica Tovar, Local Clean Energy Alliance

Moderator: Tara Marchant, Emerald cities Collaborative

11:45-1:00 pm Lunch and Networking

1:00-1:15 Introduction to Breakout Sessions

Brief introductions to breakout session topics and some of the issues involved.

1:15-2:30 Breakout Session 1:

How can local ownership and control of clean energy resources address pressing social justice issues in our communities?

1. Housing, displacement and other community crises
2. Stronger unions and workforce development
3. Local economic development

How do we increase local ownership and control of clean energy resources?

4. Community Choice energy programs
5. Cooperatives, shared solar, and neighborhood microgrids.

3:00-4:15 Breakout Session 2:

Repeat of the same topics as in Breakout Session 1.

4:30-5:15 Report back from Breakout Sessions

5:15-5:30 Closing

6:00pm Happy Hour and Socializing at a local venue

Breakout Session Descriptions

The five afternoon Breakout Sessions will be facilitated brainstorms that focus on the community benefits that can come from local ownership and control of clean energy resources.

There are three topics examining how those benefits can be directed toward developing more resilient, sustainable communities, and two that focus on different strategies for increasing local control and ownership of clean energy resources.

How can local ownership and control of clean energy resources address pressing social justice issues in our communities?

1. Housing, displacement and other community crises:

How can clean energy projects be utilized to address soaring rents, reduce evictions and displacement and create cleaner, healthier environments, especially for communities most impacted by fossil fuels. How can the jobs, the revenue, and savings from such projects stabilize our communities? What are ways that communities can use local control of energy resources to address social justice issues in low income communities and communities of color?

2. Stronger unions and workforce development:

How can development of local clean energy projects generate good paying union jobs? How can effective workforce development programs be implemented in local renewable resource development? How can local development spur an increase in project labor and community benefit agreements?

3. Local economic development:

How do local clean energy projects spur local economic development? What measures need to be taken to maximize that impact for local businesses, especially small and emerging businesses, and community residents? What are alternative ways of financing local clean energy projects that keep wealth in our community, other than Wall Street and big corporate banks?

How do we increase local ownership and control of clean energy resources?

4. Community Choice energy programs:

How can a public, not-for-profit alternative to the investor-owned utilities, such as East Bay Community Energy, increase local ownership and control of clean energy resources, including renewable generation and energy efficiency? How can communities ensure that there is equity in policy decisions that determine the operation of the program? How can the design of the Community Choice program maximize community benefits, especially for low income communities and communities of color?

5. Cooperatives, shared solar, and neighborhood microgrids:

How can alternative economic models and technological innovations help communities gain control and ownership of clean energy resources? What are ways to organize, plan and finance community energy cooperatives? How can community shared solar projects benefit renters and others who cannot put solar on their roofs? How can microgrids be utilized to create self-sufficient neighborhoods with regard to electricity, and encourage power sharing and storage capacity?