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WELCOME TO THE NC CLIMATE JUSTICE SUMMIT

We deserve a world in which we can all thrive! That's why hundreds of community leaders of all ages and backgrounds are coming together at this second gathering of the NC Climate Justice Summit.

The Summit is rooted in the understanding that *all* people have a vital contribution to make in dealing with climate change. We also recognize that *some* people—particularly people of color and poor people—are hit first and worst by the carbon polluting industries causing climate change and by the intensifying floods, droughts, hurricanes and sea level rise that result from it. In order to achieve climate justice, we must connect the dots between social, environmental and economic justice.

We hope that the NCCJS will help build the broad base necessary to address the challenges we face. It's time to skill up, get creative and take strategic action. The NCCJS is where we can become the solutionaries needed in the fight for climate justice!

Jodi Lasseter,
NCCJS Founder and Co-Convener

GOALS

- e Apply a climate justice framework for linking social, environmental and economic issues
- e Provide an interactive, inclusive space for learning that enhances connection and understanding between groups with unequal power (e.g., youth and adults)
- e Engage the head, hands and heart of each participant through experiential and popular education
- e Promote opportunities for civic engagement, organizing and mobilization
- e Provide skills development in resilient community strategies
- e Develop and showcase cultural work
- e Support the leadership development of youth and grassroots leaders
- e Lay new groundwork for effective local organizing while seeding a trans-local network of Resilience Hubs

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & APPRECIATION

THE NCCJS LEADERSHIP TEAM

For full bios, go to www.ncclimatejustice.org

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Brianna Davis	[Hickory, NC]	NCCJS/ Youth Organizing Institute Intern
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Briana Steele	[Raleigh, NC]	Alliance for Climate Education
Loan Tran	[Durham, NC]	Youth Organizing Institute
Sarah Vekasi	[Black Mountain, NC]	Eco-Chaplaincy Initiative
Ayo Wilson	[Durham, NC]	NC Environmental Justice Network

NCCJS CHAPERONES

Aaron Bryant ◊ D'Atra Jackson ◊ Kathryn Kevin ◊ Tamika Lewis ◊ Melinda Lilly
Jarl Rasmussen ◊ Noran Sanford ◊ Briana Steele ◊ Brian Stilwell ◊ Loan Tran

SPECIAL THANKS

Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., Featured Speaker

We thank all our supporters, volunteers and allies who have helped make the Summit possible!

COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

We hope to create an environment here at the NCCJS that honors and values each of our unique backgrounds, experiences and identities. We seek to create a safe, inclusive, creative, equitable and fun learning space for all.

Show Respect: Be mindful of varied perspectives and understandings that may be different from your own; treat yourself, others and the land with the utmost care and love in all interactions.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed; tobacco use is limited to outdoor areas only, away from buildings.

W.A.I.T (Why Am I Talking?) and Step Up, Step Back: Let's make sure everyone's voice is heard. If you tend to talk a lot, then watch your airtime and "step back" so others may participate. If you usually keep quiet, try to step up and engage!

Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate mode when in public spaces.

All are Teachers, All are Learners: We are all experts of our own lived experience, and we are all learners about others' stories.

Be mindful of quiet hours: Some of us are night owls and some of us are early birds, so please observe quiet hours in the public spaces between midnight and 8:00am.

Cabins are off limits: youths may only visit each other's cabins when an adult chaperone is present

Communicate your whereabouts: Enjoy the grounds, but let someone know where you're going first

Be fragrance-free: Out of respect for participants and facilitators with chemical sensitivities that impact their health, please refrain from using perfume, cologne or other strongly scented hair or body care products or detergents.

Practice good dining room etiquette: Eat according to what you said on your registration form so that everyone has enough of the foods they need (for example, if you registered as a vegetarian, this is not the time to experiment with meat or vice versa). Meal times are not flexible, so please arrive on time. The dining room is off limits between meal times. Everyone should bus their own tables and follow instructions for composting and handling the dishes.

Demonstrate hospitality: Lend a helping hand (assist with setting up, cleaning up and other volunteer tasks) and strive to create a welcoming atmosphere.

NCCJS AGENDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

- 3-5:30^{PM} **Registration in the Heron's Roost**
Games and Activities around the Park
Youth meet up with their chaperones at 5:30pm
- 6-6:45^{PM} **Dinner**
- 7-9:30^{PM} **Summit Opening**
Opening Ceremony by Indigenous Peoples of NC
Welcome and Acknowledgements
Groundrules and Summit Agenda Overview
Who We Are and Where We Come From
Framing Climate Justice
Dance Performance
- 9:30^{PM}-12^{AM} **Late Night Activities**
Fire Circle (drumming, songs and s'mores at the firepit by the gym)
Fireside Chat (hang out with new friends in the Rhodendron Lounge)
Art-making (spark your creative expression in the Fox Den)
Games (team fun in the gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

- 7-7:45^{AM} **Yoga and Centering Practice; Nature Walk (meet at Heron's Roost)**
- 8-8:45^{AM} **Breakfast**
- 9^{AM}-12:30^{PM} **Saturday Morning - Becoming Solutionaries**
Opening
Voices from the Frontlines — Community leaders speak about their experiences with threats such as spiking energy costs, coal ash, gas pipelines, air pollution, landfills, fracking, CAFOs, offshore drilling and attacks on solar projects.
Featured Speaker: Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr. — President and CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus, minister, community activist and one of the most influential people in Hip Hop political

life, Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., works tirelessly to encourage the Hip Hop generation to utilize its political and social voice. A national leader and pacemaker within the green movement, Rev. Yearwood has been successfully bridging the gap between communities of color and environmental issue advocacy for the past decade. Rev Yearwood is a national leader in engaging young people in electoral activism, mobilizing tens of thousands of young voters to the polls. He is a leading voice in the Divest-Invest movement to transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, as well as in the fight against the KXL Tar Sands Pipeline. From the historic Forward on Climate 2013 rally, to the 2014 Act On Climate HBCU Tour, to launching Green The Block at the West Wing of the White House in 2009, Rev. Yearwood has led Hip Hop Caucus groundbreaking climate efforts and raises awareness and action in communities that are often overlooked by traditional environmental campaigns.

Spotlight on Solutions: Working with the 4 Rs — We will share the solutions that are already taking root in NC and apply our movement-building framework of Reform, Resist, Reimagine and Recreate.

12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**

1:45-3PM **Workshops (full descriptions in the following pages)**

REFORM

Industrial Agriculture, Environmental Justice and Climate Justice
RePowering Our Schools: Grassroots Tools for Solutions-oriented Organizing

RESIST

Images of Resistance: Documentary Film and Visual Art as Tools
Confronting and Understanding State Violence

REIMAGINE

Theater of the Oppressed
Ancestral Healing and Reconciliation

RECREATE

Building Community Wealth and Power Through Cooperatives
Our Clean Energy Future

3-3:20PM **Break**

3:30-4:45PM **Workshops (full descriptions in the following pages)**

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Black Workers, Climate and Jobs
De-Mystifying Non-violent Direct Action

REIMAGINE

Rhythm, Rhyme and Revolution: The Art In Getting Free!
Flipping the Script: Youth Entrepreneurs in Rural NC

RECREATE

Finding Our Power, Using Less Energy
PowerUp NC: Participatory Action Research to Energy Justice Campaigns

- 5-6:30PM** **Open Space and Roundtable Discussions**
Participants are invited to offer any workshop, discussion or other activity that they would like to convene.
- 6:30-7:30PM** **Dinner**
- 7:45-9:30PM** **Saturday Evening - Open Mic with Dasan Ahanu and Tai Allen (Heron's Roost)**
Dasan Ahanu and Tai Allen are two award-winning artists who have performed across the country, recorded and released music, been featured on TV and radio, and worked with a number of arts organizations and institutions in various communities. They see the arts as not just a means of entertainment and inspiration, but also as a vehicle for lifting marginalized voices and fostering radical change. Dasan and Tai invite you to bring YOUR voice to this open mic!
- 9:30-11:30PM** **Late Night Activities**
Dance Party (get your groove on in the Heron's Roost)
Film Screenings (videos on climate justice themes in the Rhododendron Room)
Fireside Chat (hang out with new friends in the Rhododendron Lounge)
Art-making (spark your creative expression in the Fox Den)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

- 7-7:45AM** **Yoga and Centering Practice; Nature Walk (meet at Heron's Roost)**
- 8-8:45AM** **Breakfast**
- 9AM-12:30PM** **Sunday Morning - Connecting Locally and Globally**
Opening
Connecting Our Movements: Climate Justice Globally — This session puts our work in North Carolina in the context of climate justice movements in the US South and in the world. Debbie Cyr—a peaceful Mi'qmaq water warrior from Elsipogtog [New Brunswick, Canada]—will speak about how her people were able to successfully use direct action and solidarity organizing to protect their land from fracking. Jayeesha Dutta—the co-founder of Mind Power Collective and coordinator of Gulf Future

Coalition—will speak about the organizing across the Gulf Coast to restore, protect and defend communities, cultures and ecosystems in the wake of the BP oil disaster. Ife Kilimanjaro has worked on environmental and climate justice issues at local, regional and national levels and with groups engaged in international movement building, such as Grassroots Global Justice Alliance. She will discuss the upcoming UN climate talks in Paris.

Collective Visioning — We will bring together all of our learning from the Summit to create a collective vision for climate justice in NC.

Resilience Hubs Meet-up — Participants will meet in regional groups to discuss strategic steps for bringing the Summit home.

Closing Ceremony

12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**

1:30PM **Departure**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Coaching Sessions — Need support figuring out how what your best contribution to the climate justice movement can be? Feeling overwhelmed or bummed out by climate change? Sign up at registration for a coaching session with Sarah Vekasi, M. Div., the world's first Eco-Chaplain.

Healing Support — Want to connect more deeply with your ancestors? Feel the need to let go of stuck energy and get centered in your body? Sign up at registration for a healing session with Ekua Adisa.

Childcare — We have a childcare team for kids 2-12 years old. Sign up at registration.

Water Warriors Exhibit — make sure to visit the Fox Den to see the Water Warriors Documentary Exhibit by Working Films; the exhibit features photos of a native community from Canada—including NCCJS presenter Debbie Cyr—that successfully resisted fracking.

Art-making — throughout the Summit, there will be art-making opportunities in the Fox Den, curated by Jayeesha Dutta, a multi-disciplinary artist and participatory facilitator from New Orleans.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

SATURDAY, 1:45-3PM

REFORM

Industrial Agriculture, Environmental Justice and Climate Justice

North Carolina is one of the largest industrial hog producers in the world. At any given point, there are more than 10 million hogs in the state, mostly concentrated in factory farms in eastern NC. The hogs produce a tremendous amount of waste that goes unregulated, disproportionately affecting the health and quality of life of communities of color who live nearby. In this workshop, we look at industrial agriculture to understand how Environmental Justice principles are necessary for climate justice struggles. Zoë will introduce the Rachel Carson Council's report on industrial hog production in NC, summarizing the history, economic, social, and public health impacts of factory farms, and how these problems will worsen with climate change. Naeema will share her experience organizing with NC communities burdened by industrial agriculture, and discuss how structural racism is at the center of our exploitative food system. Pavithra will lead an interactive activity to facilitate a discussion about what's required to fight this system and how we can support the existing environmental justice struggle in NC against (and beyond) factory farms.

Presenters: *Naeema Muhammad* is the Director for the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN). Naeema has worked on two NIEHS funded grants. The first was Community Health and Environmental Reawakening (CHER) in which she served as a community organizer working with communities dealing with waste from industrial hog operations. In this position she worked with Dr. Steve Wing, UNC-CH School of Public Health and was supervised by Gary R. Grant, Executive Director of the Concerned Citizens of Tillery. She has co-authored publications with Dr. Wing regarding community based participatory research. She is married to Saladin Muhammad and together they have 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. They have been married 49 years and reside in Rocky Mount, NC. *Zoë Ackerman* is the Associate Program Director for the Rachel Carson Council, an NGO focusing on eliminating toxicity in our food, air, and water. She hails from Washington, DC,

where she is beginning to get involved in research and organizing around environmental justice and climate justice issues. She is interested in the roles of narrative and storytelling in building solidarity, and hopes to learn more about the role of privilege in movement-building. *Pavithra Vasudevan* is a scholar, activist and educator committed to critique, creativity, and collaboration in struggling for social and environmental justice. As a PhD student in the Department of Geography at UNC-Chapel Hill, Pavithra's work focuses on the stuff of environmental justice: toxicity, racism, and movements. As part of her M.A. research on Warren County, NC, the 'birthplace of environmental justice,' she co-created a short film with Rev. William Kearney titled "Remembering Kearneytown" (available: <https://vimeo.com/115070233>). Pavithra is also a lifelong student of movement, trained in Bharata Natyam and Odissi dance forms, the martial art of Aikido, and yoga. She is excited to develop performance and movement as tools for the struggle.

RePowering Our Schools: Grassroots Tools for Solutions-oriented Organizing

In order to bring about a just transition to a renewable energy future, we must not only be messengers of what we don't want polluting our communities but also imagine and advocate for solutions. Join organizers from Repower our Schools to learn about the effort to run schools in Charlotte and Durham on 100% renewable electricity, and get some practical tools to add to your organizing toolbox.

Presenters: *Hanna Mitchell* is an organizer for Greenpeace, based in Charlotte NC. She works to bring clean, safe, and affordable renewable energy options to communities in North Carolina. *Caroline Hansley* is a proud native North Carolinian, hailing from Western North Carolina. She is also an NC State alumna and Udall Scholar. She works as a Field Organizer for Greenpeace in the Triangle area on getting to 100% clean, renewable energy. In her free time she enjoys crocheting and riding bicycles.

RESIST

Images of Resistance: Documentary Film and Visual Art as Tools

How can we use documentary media to move people to action? During the workshop we'll explore *Water Warriors*, a short documentary film and multimedia installation that documents and honors the heroic efforts of one community's resistance to the fossil fuel industry against seemingly insurmountable odds. In 2013, Southwestern Energy Company arrived in New Brunswick, Canada to begin seismic testing for natural gas. In response, a multicultural group of unlikely activists—including members of the Mi'kmaq Elsipogtog First Nation, French-speaking Acadians and local white families – set-up a series of road blockades preventing exploration. These unlikely warriors united to try to drive out the company -- and the Canadian police -- in an ongoing campaign to protect their land and water. The session will offer lessons from the creation and strategic use of one documentary media project - *Water Warriors* - and also draw on the expertise of participants, who will share their own experiences using documentary films and photography in their efforts.

Presenters: *Debbie Cyr* is a peaceful Mi'qmaq water warrior from Elsipogtog. She is one of many who stood against—and defeated--one of the biggest oil companies in the world, the Provincial Government, the Canadian Federal Government, and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) when her people's land was in jeopardy of being exploited by fracking. The province of New Brunswick, where Debbie lives, has never once been ceded; thus all the crown land belongs to the Mi'qmaq people of New Brunswick. Debbie is still very active in her community advocating to ensure that the land will be protected for the generations yet to come. *Anna Lee* co-directs Working Films, a nonprofit organization that positions documentaries to advance climate solutions, economic justice and civil rights. Anna's work involves crafting partnerships between media makers, nonprofits, and organizers. She and her colleagues at Working Films support coalition building through film initiatives that deepen relationships among allied organizations. Prior to joining Working Films, Anna was a first grade teacher, an ESL teacher, and program manager at a Latino community outreach center.

Confronting and Understanding State Violence

In this workshop, we'll discuss and explore what is meant by the term "state violence" and what role it plays across issues in our social movements. From school discipline to climate justice, we recognize the logic of "state violence" being one where there are communities regarded as disposable. In this session we'll confront and understand better state violence to strengthen our fight.

Presenters: *Loan Tran* is a queer, gender non-conforming immigrant, writer, and organizer born in Viet Nam and raised in the U.S South. They are passionate about youth organizing and collective liberation. You can learn more about their work by visiting the Youth Organizing Institute's website: empoweryouthnc.org. In their free time they enjoy hanging out with their partner and dog in Durham, watching *Grey's Anatomy*, and cooking. *Aaron Bryant* is a Field Organizer with PowerUp NC. Prior to joining PowerUp NC, he organized with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham to help justice-involved folks find food, housing, jobs and healing. Aaron also organized students to fight against the rising costs of higher education, wrote and edited for his school's student newspaper, held trainings with #BlackLivesMatter in Greensboro. Outside of political organizing, Aaron loves to read, write and feel alright. A native of Long Island, New York, Aaron holds a BA in Political Science with a concentration in Pre-Law and a Minor in History from University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

REIMAGINE

Theater of the Oppressed

This workshop is based on Augusto Boal's work in which theatre is the act of practicing for everyday life. The exercises in this workshop help us learn ways to deal with our oppressions and realize the abundance of options around us even when we feel there are none. Specifically, we will be engaging in activities that help us prepare for the challenges of social and climate change. We will increase our inner fortitude and expand our understanding of one another and the world around us using our minds, bodies, and hearts. Come prepared to move and ENGAGE!

Presenter: *Elijah Brunson* is a man of many faces and many ideas. His work focuses on incorporating different aspects of physicality with those of mentality to break down oppressions around us. Elijah is from South

Carolina and is a recent graduate of Duke University.

Ancestral Healing

We will come together with our ancestors and one another to explore their roles in our lives and learn how to work with them to address the effects of institutional racism and white supremacy.

Presenter: *Ekua Adisa* is a healing artist, writer, and cultural organizer who has been working around creating the new world for over a decade. She lives to linger at life's intersections and help others integrate the varying paths as they meet. Ekua can be found rocking mics, facilitating workshops on a varied range of topics, creating healing safe spaces, providing bodywork, and being a channel for folks to receive guidance from their ancestors.

RECREATE

Building Community Wealth and Power Through Cooperatives

The community in Northeast Greensboro has suffered in a food desert since the late 1990's when the Winn-Dixie grocery store left. After years of trying to bring a grocery chain to the community, residents decided to open their own as a community-owned cooperative business! The Renaissance Community Co-op (RCC) will open in the first half of 2016 bringing fresh affordable food and providing over 30 good paying jobs to a community in need of both. The RCC will also build community wealth. Over time, as the business generates greater revenues, the RCC community will determine how to use that capital for future development. The Renaissance community is becoming it's own developer, focused on improving the quality of life instead of maximizing profit. This is a transformational project and one that we hope will become a model for other communities facing similar challenges.

Presenters: *Dave Reed* is a community and cooperative organizer at the Fund for Democratic Communities. He is particularly interested in issues of democratic governance, technology development and use, worker-owned cooperatives, and community ownership of resources. His social justice work has included international human rights observing and community organizing, developing collectively run community centers, and organizing national speaking tours on a variety of issues. Dave is the board chair at

the Deep Roots Market co-op, consults with nonprofits on website and communication development. *Mo Kessler* is a queer Appalachian anarchist and artist, with a history of resistance organizing against Mountain Top Removal, foreclosures and police brutality. They are the Director of Youth Organizing and Services of the YWCA Greensboro, board member of the Beloved Community Center, founding board member of the Renaissance Community Co-op where they serve as the chair of the governance and policy committee. Mo spends most of their time making art and hanging out with middle and high school students uplifting the intersections of food access, healthy sexuality, environmental, racial and economic justice. From this framework, Mo is deeply invested in youth-led organizing and building a transformative cooperative economy in Appalachia and the South.

Our Clean Energy Future

This workshop uses participatory activities to present NC WARN's efforts to help avert climate catastrophe. We will discuss our Emergency Climate Response campaign challenging the largest electric utility corporation in the world, Duke Energy, to clean up its act. We will explore what's at stake if the #1 polluter out of 100 electric utilities does not stop burning fossil fuels. Scaling up renewable energy in NC could be a climate game changer. We will explore how every voice makes a difference. We will also discuss how to support frontline communities in transitioning to a clean energy economy.

Presenters: *Connie Leeper* is the NC WARN Organizing Director. She grew up in Kannapolis, NC and started her social justice activism as a teenager. As a movement builder, facilitator and liberation trainer, Connie uses cultural work as a tool for creative play. *Ravin St. Juliene Brown* is the Greensboro based community organizer for NC WARN. She is a former union organizer for the Communication Workers of America. Ravin is co-director of the Starlight Dancers dance group for girls/boys aged 4-17. An entrepreneur, she has a food truck business that is a family enterprise.

SATURDAY, 3:30-4:45PM

REFORM

A People's Curriculum for the Earth

Using exercises from *A People's Curriculum for the Earth* by Bill Bigelow and Tim Swineheart, participants will practice tools for engagement as educators and organizers facing environmental issues in our communities.

Presenters: *Valerie Warren* is a community organizer who has been experimenting with creating change for more than 20 years. She is a parent organizer with Organize 2020 Caucus of the NC Association of Educators and the Director of Operations and Development with Rethinking Schools. Rethinking Schools is a publisher of anti-racist social justice curriculum and materials for the classroom in the form of books and our quarterly magazine. Visit us online at RethinkingSchools.org. *Holly Hardin* is currently a 7th/8th grade teacher at Lakewood Montessori Middle School, a public school in Durham, NC; and was also 1 of 16 teachers across the country to participate in This Changes Everything/Zinn Education Project writing retreat last year to help create climate curriculum inspired by Naomi Klein's newest book. In addition to teaching, Holly is a member of both Organize 2020 (the social justice caucus of the teachers union) & Southerners on New Ground (a queer liberation organization that works across intersectionalities in the South).

The Power of Partnerships

Partnerships are defined as two or more joined together to work towards a common goal. This workshop will examine different levels of partnerships and critical components of successful partnerships. The presenters will discuss how strategic partnerships can be leveraged to move your organization forward. We will discuss different examples of partnerships, best practices and lessons learned. We will also consider how using an alternative lens by which we typically view issues to gain different perspectives can help advance your ultimate outcome.

Presenters: *Marilynn Marsh-Robinson* is the Partnerships and Alliances Manager of the US Climate and Energy program. She joined EDF in 1999. Marilynn

works with diverse audiences and ensures projects include holistic strategies incorporating socioeconomic factors. She has worked on various energy efficiency projects with academic institutions, with a strong focus on minority serving colleges and universities, rural communities and local governments. She participates on the planning board of the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN) and the board of the North Carolina Conservation Network (NCCN). She has a BA in political studies from Meredith College. *Susannah Tuttle* is the director of NC Interfaith Power & Light (NCIPL), a NC Council of Churches initiative addressing climate change as a moral imperative. Susannah received a Masters of Divinity (M.Div) degree from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Susannah is a founding member of HistoricGreen, a national nonprofit transforming and revitalizing communities that integrate sustainable design and heritage conservation practices, and has served as a Board Member on the NC Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

RESIST

Ageism and Youth Empowerment in Intergenerational Organizing

Learn how to build youth power in an intergenerational context. How do we respect youth leadership and self-determination as adult allies? How do we avoid replicating adultist power structures and tokenization in our organizing work?

Presenters: *Loan Tran, Tavon Bridges and Beatrice Galdamez* are all with the Youth Organizing Institute (YOI). The Youth Organizing Institute (YOI) formed in March 2010 to increase the representation of the voices of youth in the debate to dismantle the Wake County school system's diversity policy and its impact on the future of public schools. What became apparent was the absence of the voices of the low-wealth students and parents of color in the debate, those most affected by the achievement gap and by the school to prison pipeline. The Youth Organizing Institute was created as an intensive training program that created a space and material support for low income youth and youth of color to organize to oppose the education policies that would harm them and their communities. After the initial 2010 Youth Organizing Institute, the program has enjoyed continued success. The Youth Organizing

Institute offers grounding in an analysis of systems of oppressions and an understanding of the history of grassroots resistance and struggle. We have hosted 6 Summer Freedom School programs; trained, convened, and connected with 1,000 youth; and have directed a Solutions Not Suspensions campaign that has helped to decrease out of school suspensions, won a new memorandum of understanding calling for more tracking, transparency, and training and mobilized hundreds of students, parents, and communities around the school-to-prison-pipeline.

Black Workers, Climate and Jobs

This workshop will present a review and conversation about the jobs crisis in Black communities, the meaning of the climate crisis for them and economic and resistance models to address the problem. In addition to small amounts of data and facts, the experiences and reflections of participants will help to create much of the content of this discussion.

Presenter: *Ajamu Dillahunt* is a retired postal worker and union leader. During his twenty-four years with the USPS he was a union steward and president of his local (18 years). After retiring from the USPS he served as Outreach Coordinator for the Budget and Tax Center and later the Workers' Rights Project at the North Carolina Justice Center. He has served on the Boards of Student Action with Farmworkers, the North Carolina Occupational and Safety Project, the Institute of Southern Studies, United for a Fair Economy and Labor Notes Magazine. He is a member of Black Workers for Justice and has been an activist with the National Black United Front and the Black Radical Congress. He maintains a strong interest in the African Diaspora. Presently he is working on cooperative economics and climate justice as it relates to Black communities and the working class.

De-Mystifying Non-violent Direct Action

What is Non-Violent Direct Action? If you're curious, join this workshop, which will consist of a short training that seeks to demystify Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA). We'll start with grounding in the history of NVDA, followed by some preliminary exercises to give people options for what it could mean to use civil disobedience. This will be presented by Greenpeace staff who are committed to 'bearing witness' to environmental destruction in a peaceful, non-violent manner. We use non-violent confrontation to raise the

level and quality of public debate.

Presenters: *Caroline Hansley* is a proud native North Carolinian, hailing from Western North Carolina. She is also an NC State alumna and Udall Scholar. She works as a Field Organizer for Greenpeace in the Triangle area on getting to 100% clean, renewable energy. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting and riding bicycles. *Hanna Mitchell* is an organizer for Greenpeace, based in Charlotte NC. She works to bring clean, safe, and affordable renewable energy options to communities in North Carolina.

REIMAGINE

Rhythm, Rhyme and Revolution: The Art In Getting Free!

This workshop will look at how poetry and music allows for envisioning and inspiring a radically new world. "Get free" is a rallying cry in the arts community calling for artists to let loose with honest and sincere expression. Participants will examine selected pieces of works by ascended master artists and contemporary artists in Hip Hop, R&B, and poetry. They will also engage in creative activities that will show them how to "get free" in their own artistic expression. Come ready to learn, share, write, and have fun!

Presenters: *Dasan Ahanu and Tai Allen* are two award-winning artists who have performed across the country, recorded and released music, been featured on TV and radio, and worked with a number of arts organizations and institutions in various communities. They see the arts as not just a means of entertainment and inspiration, but also as a vehicle for lifting marginalized voices and fostering radical change. Their joint project, *The Originals*, has them presenting poems, rhymes and songs about personal woes, community challenges, life's beautiful moments and the universal wonders found in the modern age wrapped in the legendary work of the ascended masters Gil Scott-Heron and Oscar Brown, Jr. while adding original works crafted as next steps in the timeline. Backed by live band, they are currently touring this unique live mixtape experience.

Flipping the Script: Youth Entrepreneurs in Rural NC

This youth-led workshop highlights the work of two community organizations that are building youth leadership and employment opportunities in rural areas

of Southeastern NC. The Youth Ambassadors for a Better Community will present about this summer's gardening internship that was funded through Resourceful Communities. The youth will explain their summer work, what they learned and will share interviews with community mentors and leaders on their views of climate justice as it relates to gardening/farming. The youth leaders from Growing Change will speak about the ways that transforming a closed prison has opened up new avenues for youth-owned businesses and youth-led cultural revitalization.

Presenters: *Men and Women United for Youth and Families, CDC* (MWUYF) provides support services to families in need living in Lower Bladen, Northwestern Brunswick and Eastern Columbus Counties. The mission of MWUYF is to promote personal and family development through education and give tri-county residents the necessary tools to become economically self-sufficient. MWUYF's Youth Ambassadors for a Better Community (YABC) Program mentors youth from age Preteen to Young Adult from rural, economically distressed communities by providing an avenue to gain leadership skills, hands on training, communication, presentation, and critical thinking skills, and establish a network of friends; and help them grow into becoming strong leaders within their communities through community service activities with a focus on, but not limited to, healthy living and climate justice. *Growing Change* offers a model for diverting youth from the criminal justice system by combining cognitive behavioral therapy, youth entrepreneurial development and service learning opportunities as the youth grow food for needy families. The Growing Change youth leaders are now focused on a "prison-flip" that is transforming a closed prison into a center for sustainable agriculture.

RECREATE

Finding Our Power, Using Less Energy

This is a youth-led workshop is designed to connect the dots between climate change, climate justice and energy efficiency. Join us for an interactive journey on how to bring the power to the people!

Presenters: The Action Fellowship teaches young people the knowledge and skills to be confident climate leaders. Each year, the Alliance for Climate Education recruits between 100-150 high school students and recent ACE graduates across our regions to participate. Fellows meet weekly over the course of the school year. Throughout the program, Fellows work with ACE and

partners to increase public support for climate action and hold elected officials accountable on climate science and the need for solutions.

PowerUp NC: Participatory Action Research to Energy Justice Campaigns

PowerUp NC began with a participatory action research project in Charlotte, Fayetteville, Raleigh, and the Triad to determine community priorities and resilience around 7 issue areas (food, water, health housing, transportation, energy, jobs/economy). After collecting over 1,200 surveys through doorknocking, one-on-one interviews, and community conversations, we found that people were most concerned with and interested in making good jobs available along with jobs training programs to skill up for those jobs, and lowering electricity bills. Over the past six months, we have been building up local campaigns to achieve just that in each of our regional offices. We will talk about the participatory action research project and provide materials and advice for starting a similar process in another community. We will discuss the clean energy jobs campaigns we're working on to provide insight into our organizing practices and how we're working at the intersections of economic, environmental and social justice.

Presenters: *Justine Oller* joined NCLCV in April 2014. She brings more than a decade of experience working with environmental and community-based organizations in capacities including organizing, adult education, participatory research and program management. Justine began her career as an activist/community organizer with ACORN, then worked with several nonprofits supporting efforts to bridge environmental conservation with community development. Justine holds a BA in economic and social policy from Sarah Lawrence College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Cornell University. *Rashad Gibson* joined NCLCV in August of 2014 as Canvass Director overseeing voter registration program in the Triad area of North Carolina. Prior to joining NCLCV, Rashad worked for the National Urban League where he was Director of Voter Engagement for Urban League affiliates in North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia. His primary focus was to increase voting participation and education for people of color in those respective states and build solid leadership with volunteers in the community. Rashad attended the University of North Carolina A&T and is a native North Carolinian hailing from Newton. In his spare time he loves spending time with his family and reading a good book. *Aiden Graham* is a native North Carolinian from the Sandhills

region of the state. He comes to NCLCV with a wide range of organizing experiences. Most recently he headed up the field operation for a successful bid for school board and was a lead organizer with a local organization called People's Durham on issues ranging from increasing access to public transportation, improving living conditions for public housing residents, and combating voter suppression in communities of color. Prior to his involvement with People's Durham, Aiden's work included leadership development with LGBTQ youth across NC and environmental justice organizing in Boston, MA. **Erika Moss** is a native of New Haven, Connecticut she has lived in North Carolina for eighteen years. During her formative years she used to spend a lot of time doing community work with her father, those experiences have shaped her into the person she is today. She was an elementary teacher for SPARC Academy and PreEminent Charter Schools where she enjoyed working with the students and their families. She has experience in working as a canvasser for NCLCV and received training for GOTV. Erika has a passion for organizing because she believes it takes all people to make a world and everyone deserves their share of what is being offered. Erika has a Bachelors in International Relations from Shaw University, in her spare time she enjoys attending cultural events, reading and spending time with friends and family. As an Ifa Yoruba practitioner whose Orisha is Oshun, Erika tries to bring the energy of sweetness and understanding to the lives of others when there isn't any.



POWERUP^{NC}

PowerUp NC is building a movement for a stronger economy, healthier environment, and a more inclusive democracy. Through public education, advocacy, and organizing, we are advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that lower energy bills, improve housing conditions, and reduce pollution by lowering dependence on fossil fuels. PowerUp NC is a project of the NC League of Conservation Voters.

You can find more information by visiting nclcv.org/PowerUpNC.

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NC WARN 

Friday	FRAMING CLIMATE JUSTICE						
7:00 - 9:30	Welcome Ceremony and Opening Session (Heron's Roost)						
9:30 - midnight	Fire Circle, Art-Making in Fox Den, Fireside Chat in Rhododendron Lounge, Games in Gym						
Saturday	BECOMING SOLUTIONARIES						
7:00-7:45	Yoga; Nature Walk (meet at Heron's Roost)						
8:00-8:45	BREAKFAST						
9:00-12:30	Morning Session (Heron's Roost)						
	Opening and Voices From the Frontlines						
	Keynote Speaker: Rev. Lennox Yearwood, CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus						
	Spotlight on Solutions: Working with the 4 Rs						
12:30-1:30	LUNCH						
Rooms:	Rhododendron	Longleaf	Spruce Board Room	Heron's Roost	Fox Den	Haw River Lounge	Gym
1:45 - 3:00	Building Community Wealth & Power through Cooperatives ----- Repower Our Schools*	Industrial Agriculture, Environmental Justice & Climate Justice	Our Clean Energy Future	Confronting and Understanding State Violence	Images of Resistance: Documentary Film and Visual Art as Tools	Ancestral Healing and Reconciliation	Theater of the Oppressed
3:30 - 4:45	Finding Our Power, Using Less Energy ----- The Power of Partnerships*	A People's Curriculum for the Earth ----- Ageism and Intergenerational Organizing*	Black Workers, Climate and Jobs	Rhythm, Rhyme and Revolution: the Art in Getting Free	Flipping the Script: Youth Entrepreneurs in Rural NC	Power Up NC: Participatory Action Research to Energy Justice Campaigns	Demystifying Non-Violent Direct Action
	<i>*These sessions will take place in the lounge outside of either Rhododendron or Longleaf</i>						
5:00 - 6:30	Open Space: Self-organized sessions by participants (Heron's Roost)						
6:30-7:30	DINNER						
8:00 - 10:00	Open Mic with Dasan Ahanu and Tai Allen (Heron's Roost)						
10:00 - midnight	Dance Party in Heron's Roost, Art-Making in Fox Den, Film Screening in Rhododendron, Games in Gym						
Sunday	CONNECTING LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY						
7:00-7:45	Yoga; Nature Walk (meet at Heron's Roost)						
8:00-8:45	BREAKFAST						
9:00-12:30	Morning Session (Heron's Roost)						
	Connecting Our Movements: Climate Justice Globally						
	Resilience Hubs by Region						
	Closing Ceremony						
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH						
1:30	DEPARTURE						

