LISTEN. LEAD. SHARE.
COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION
The Ohio Climate Justice Fund (OCJF) is guided by an advisory board comprised of Ohio environmental advocates and leaders that invest in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) organizations in Ohio, working at the intersection of racial justice and climate action.

To learn more, visit: ohioclimatejusticefund.org
OUR PILLARS

We have committed to the *Jemez Principles* for Democratic Organizing:

1. Be Inclusive
2. Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing
3. Let People Speak for Themselves
4. Work Together In Solidarity and Mutuality
5. Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
6. Commitment to Self-Transformation

**PILLAR I**

We share decision making power

**PILLAR II**

We want to hear and learn from the lived experience of Ohioans

**PILLAR III**

We will intentionally fund organizations led by Black, Indigenous, and people of color
LISTEN. LEAD. SHARE.
A COMMUNITY LISTENING MODEL
We see intentional and authentic community listening as the first step to building a diverse coalition of advocates that influence policy change that leads to a just and inclusive clean energy economy for Ohio.

WHAT IS LLS?

Listen Lead Share (LLS), is a statewide grassroots campaign that includes a goal of hosting public conversations with community members and stakeholders about the best and most effective ways to address climate and environmental justice in their communities.
Earth Day 2022

April 22 | Climate Justice Listen, Lead, and Share Community Listening Session (Cleveland, OH)

Join us in Cleveland, OH
April 22, 2022 @ 1:30 - 3 pm EST
Defining Climate Justice

The Cuyahoga River is (in)famous for having burned in 1969, an event which helped spur the environmental movement in the United States, including the establishment of the first Earth Day.
WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH

- increase the number of informed, credible voices in the people-powered campaign for clean energy
- grow and diversify the broad movement of support for clean energy across Ohio
- educate and mobilize community members, stakeholders, and legislators about the urgent need for equitable clean energy legislation to meet community and consumer needs.
WHY DOES CLIMATE MATTER?
Climate change is a change in the usual weather found in a place. This also includes a change in Earth's climate and usual temperature. Climate can take much time, and many years to change.
CLIMATE CHANGE IS **NOT** THE GREAT EQUALIZER

As climate change gets worse, temperatures will rise the most in poorer countries in Asia, Latin America, and Sub-Saharan Africa - despite the fact that North America and Europe are some of the biggest polluters.

Source: Aeris Weather
CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT THE GREAT EQUALIZER

In the United States, climate change leads to more extreme weather and disasters, such as increasingly dangerous hurricanes like Katrina and Harvey, devastating wildfires, and even the extreme cold weather events of 2021.

Poorer, majority-BIPOC communities have less infrastructure in place to protect against these events and bear more of the burden.

Source: Climate Change isn't the Great Equalizer. The Link, November 2018
Do you see climate change impacting your community now, in the past, and/or in the future?

- Yes: 6
- No: 0
Do your representatives and community leaders see climate change as an urgent issue in your community?

- Not at all: 0
- Somewhat: 4
- Yes: 2
SO, ABOUT **CLEAN ENERGY**...
Clean energy is energy that comes from sources that cannot be used up (renewable) and that do not pollute the environment when used (zero emissions).

Clean energy also describes the energy saved by using technology that allow us to do the same tasks with less energy (energy efficiency measures).
Clean energy and cleantech are some of the fastest growing sectors in the U.S., with huge possibility for stable, family-sustaining jobs at a variety of training and skill levels.

Source: Solar Career Map
CLEAN ENERGY & JOBS

In 2019, renewable energy jobs in Ohio grew 7.8 percent - faster than any other Midwestern state. Despite high growth, these jobs are still overwhelmingly held by white men.

“...Less than 10 percent of America’s clean-energy jobs are held by Black workers.”

Sources: Clean Jobs Midwest and Energy News Network
What do you, your family, and your community value as the most important benefits of clean energy-related jobs?
What should the pathway look like for securing jobs in the clean energy sector for people in your family and community?
What worries and/or excites you about potential jobs in the clean energy sector?
“The overwhelming majority of [...] low-income households, minority households, low-income households residing in multifamily buildings, and renting households experienced **higher energy burdens** than the average household in the same city.”

Source: The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)  
Did you know that you have a choice in your electric provider?

Yes: 4
No: 2
Do you believe you are paying too much for energy?

Yes: 6
No: 1
Have you, or someone close to you ever experienced a utility shut off?

- Yes: 6
- No: 1
“Pollution, much like wealth, is not distributed equally in the United States.”

Source: Study Finds Racial Gap Between Who Causes Air Pollution And Who Breathe It. NPR, March 2019
“Today, Black people are nearly four times more likely to die from exposure to pollution than white people.”

Source: The Washington Post, This is Environmental Racism
RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

“Systemic racism has long influenced where major sources of pollution are located within communities. In the early 20th Century, white government planners in many municipalities drew redlining maps that identified Black and Latino neighborhoods as undesirable and unworthy of housing loans. Heavy industry was permitted to cluster in those places, adding a toxic dimension that persists today.”

Source: The Washington Post. This is Environmental Racism
Do you or a family member have asthma, or COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)?

- Yes: 2
- No: 5
How important would it be to have cleaner air in your neighborhood for your family and community?
Is there a place in your community that you believe emits toxins in the air?
How does the toxic air pollution impact your daily life?
Do you believe that the COVID-19 pandemic is related to environmental justice?
CONCLUSION

Complete the post-event survey

Sign-up to receive updates from Power a Clean Future Ohio

Connect organizations led or governed by persons to the Ohio Climate Justice Fund!

SURVEY LINK: HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/VOYXRWTV3P4GTEXW
Additional Ways to Stay Involved with OCJF

1. Follow Ohio Climate Justice Fund and Power a Clean Future Ohio on social media
   OCJF Twitter: @ohiocjfund
   PCFO Twitter: @PoweraCleanOH
   OCJF Facebook: OhioClimateJusticeFund
   PCFO Facebook: Poweracleanfuture
   OCJF LinkedIn: ohioclimatejusticefund
   PCFO LinkedIn: power-a-clean-future-ohio

2. Attend other Lead. Listen. Share. events as they are announced

3. Join PCFO’s Equity and Community Engagement Committee’s monthly virtual meetings and share your work with a growing group of leaders across Ohio

4. Learn if your city or town is a PCFO city. If not, learn more about how you can help: Take Action — Power a Clean Future Ohio

5. Join a local environmental justice group in your community

6. Stay abreast of current events and happenings affecting our environment
THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

STAY CONNECTED.
FOLLOW THE OHIO CLIMATE JUSTICE FUND!
Thank you for joining us from NWF's Environmental Justice, Climate & Community Revitalization Program!

Contact us: Email Gabi Rivera (riverag@nwf.org)

See more of our work here: https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Environmental-Justice