A Youth Perspective on Climate and Justice

ACE Action Fellowship
Introduction

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#Earth2Trump Rally

“The roadshow is rallying and empowering defenders of civil rights and the environment to resist Trump's dangerous agenda. Stopping in 16 cities on its way to Washington, D.C., it's bringing thousands of people to protest at the presidential inauguration.”

- Center for Biological Diversity
Overview of ACE Fellowship
Why Are We in the ACE Fellowship?

We’re learning to use climate action as a way to bring about greater equity.

**Step 1:** Name and understand the oppressive forces around us.

**Step 2:** Using this understanding to analyze how these oppressive forces are affecting specific real life scenarios (like the disproportionate impact of climate change on different groups of people).

**Step 3:** Using this analysis to envision and advocate for equitable climate solutions.
Equity vs. Equality
Step 1: Name and Understand the Oppressive Forces Around Us
Naming and Recognizing Oppression

“OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.”
—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
The 5 I’s of Oppression

Ideological/Systemic
Institutional
Interpersonal
Internalized
Intersectional
Ideological/Systemic Oppression - Oppression that comes from constructed ideas about the oppressed group(s) creating norms, beliefs and standards. We all participate in them whether we wish to or not, and we often do so entirely unconsciously.
The 5 I’s of Oppression

**Ideological/Systemic**

**Institutional** - Institutional Oppression occurs when established laws, customs, and practices systematically reflect and produce inequities based on one’s membership in targeted social identity groups.
The 5 I’s of Oppression

**Ideological/Systemic**

**Institutional**

**Interpersonal** - Oppression that happens during interactions between people. This can happen between people within the same oppressed group, between people from different oppressed groups, or between people from an oppressed group and a privileged group.
The 5 I’s of Oppression

- Ideological/Systemic
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*Internalized* - Oppression is the last stage where we internalize the beliefs, norms, standards, and other misconceptions set in the ideological stage and attack ourselves." - The Youth Build USA
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**Intersectional:** The interplay of different forms of oppression with one another. In every context, there are multiple levels of oppression occurring at the same time.
Step 2: Oppressive Forces and Real Life Scenarios
Standing Rock
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1851

1868

1876 - 1877

1889

1899 - 2012
Hydraulic Fracking

Quick look on who it affects:
- Farmers
- Water companies
- Residents of nearby frack sites
- Schools
- EVERYONE!
Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): a proposed trade agreement among twelve Pacific Rim countries. The finalized proposal was signed on February 4th, 2016 in Auckland, New Zealand, concluding seven years of negotiations.

A symbol of companies and how they can have the power to undermine laws impacting everyone.

- Give more power to corporations
Step 3: Envisioning and Advocating for Equitable Climate Solutions
Equity vs. Equality
Transitioning to Renewables

Using the energy transition to build equity.
Climate Summit

- Gives opportunity to discuss Climate Justice
- Support the needs of third world countries for them to adapt to climate impacts
- As important as ever, with the election of Trump and his climate denying administration
- Shows better future as countries recognize climate change
ACE Fellowship Actions
TPP Protest - Rock Against The TPP
“At first I was super nervous, but once I started calling people I got hyped, no, too hyped!!” - Sam
Canvassing - CCE
Community Choice Energy

TRANSITIONING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

- Switch to renewable energy from Fossil Fuels
- Gives power to the people & takes away power from energy monopolies
- Money from CCE programs can be used to create local jobs for minorities & those most impacted by climate change

How Local Energy Aggregation Works

- Source: CCA - buying and building electricity supply
- Delivery: UTILITY - delivering energy, maintaining lines, billing customers
- Customer: YOU - benefitting from affordable rates, local control, cleaner energy
Trump Protest
Conferences: Bioneers and Brower Youth Awards
World COP Simulation
ACE Fellowship Future Actions
Looking Ahead...

http://www.protectcafood.org/
SPRING ACTIONS

FOCUS:
January - Legislative Advocacy Training
February - Climate Conversation Training
March - Legislative Advocacy to ban the use of oil drilling wastewater on crops
Ending Notes
WE ARE WITH YOU!
WE STAND BY YOU!

BE STRONG!
BE POWERFUL!
BE INSPIRATIONAL!

BE YOU!