NEWSLETTER

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Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE) is a member-led, grassroots organization working to build the power of communities of color and low-income communities in MA to eradicate environmental racism and classism, create healthy, sustainable communities, and achieve environmental justice.

Programs & Services

Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project (REEP)

Youth-led program supported by ACE that builds power in young adults across Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan to organize to win environmental justice campaigns.

T Riders Union

An ACE-organized group of riders that fights for first-class MBTA transit services in Greater Boston, particularly in lower-income communities and communities of color.

T Rider's Union Members Meeting

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 6 PM-7 PM

For more information email Emmanuell: emmanuell@ace-ej.org Mela at mela@ace-ej.org

Environmental Justice Legal Services (EJLS)

Program guiding ACE's organizational and coalition work with a robust legal framework grounded in federal and state civil rights and environmental law. EJLS also provides legal and technical assistance to allies and mobilizes legal and scientific resources to support organizing efforts throughout Boston.

Environmental Justice Assistance Network (EJAN)

EJAN is ACE's 20-year statewide pro bono technical assistance network responding to the legal, scientific, and technical needs of communities on the front line of environmental and energy hazards. EJAN will be revived with new partners in 2023.

Welcome ACE 's New Hires!!

Mary Claire Kelly, Climate and Environmental Justice Attorney, Equal Justice Works Fellow sponsored by ATD

Hakim Sutherland
Director of Youth Advocacy

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director

In The Community

1st Annual REEP Community Field Day
Saturday, April 18th 9am-2pm
Joe Moakley Park

For more information email Hakim Sutherland - hakim@ace-ej.org

In The News

VOICES ON CLIMATE - THE BOSTON GLOBE

Dwaign Tyndal, Executive Director, was one of five climate experts discussing the fight against global warming.

COMMUNITIES FIRST FUND DC LAB STRATEGY, WASHINGTON, DC

In March, Executive Director Dwaign Tyndal and Deputy Director Stephanie Willliams attended a two-day strategy session with environmental and climate justice grassroots groups across the country and Puerto Rico. They met with representatives from state agencies involved in the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and other sources of Federal funding for Environmental and Climate Justice.

CITY OF BOSTON NEWS: TWO-YEAR, FARE-FREE PROGRAM FOR MBTA BUS ROUTES 23, 28, AND 29 LAUNCHES (2022)

"For the past 7+ years, we as transit advocates have been developing a vision of fare free transit," said Mela Bush Miles, Director of Transit Oriented Development at Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)."

https://www.boston.gov/news/two-year-fare-free-program-mbta-bus-routes-23-28-and-29-launches-march-1-2022

For more information on the fare-free bus program, visit **boston.gov/free-bus**

Employee Spotlight

This month we would like to spotlight:

Emmanuell De Barros
Director of Development and Community Engagement

Emmanuell De Barros is a young passionate Director at ACE that has become experienced in facilitating, creating workshops, planning campaigning, and fundraising.

We salute Emmanuell for all of his hard work in environmental justice, transit justice, air-quality justice, and community engagement.

Volunteer / Become a Member

Sign up to join our network of Roxbury residents, activists, academic and industry experts, and ACE community members.

https://ace-ej.org/get-involved

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