Together we are building healthy, sustainable communities

**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.

## OUR 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.
‘We still can’t breathe’: Advocates call for relief from air pollution

By Zeina Mohammed Globe Staff, Updated May 4, 2023, 7:28 p.m.

Health experts, community leaders, and climate justice and transit advocates held a rally outside near Nubian Square to call on legislators to improve indoor and outdoor air quality, ensure low-income fare is permanently available to riders, and reduce pollution by improving rail service on the Fairmount commuter rail line. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

For decades, Roxbury native Mela Bush-Miles has advocated for clean air and adequate public transportation in a city where the two are inextricably linked. Her campaign is a personal one, she said, as she fights to protect the now fifth-generation of her family affected by air pollution.
Massachusetts' New Environmental Justice Council Members

EEA appointed Jen Salinetti and Sofia Owens as new members of the EJ Advisory Council. Jen Salinetti is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Woven Roots & Education Center in Tyringham, Massachusetts. *Sofia Owen is Senior Attorney & Director of Environmental Justice Legal Services at Alternatives for Community & Environment in Roxbury, Massachusetts

Sofia E. Owen (they/she), Senior Attorney & Director of Environmental Justice Legal Services (EJLS) Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE) is the staff attorney at ACE staff and works to ensure that the legal rights of people of color and low-income residents are protected.

She also provides systematic legislative and regulatory advocacy on behalf of environmental justice communities at the municipal and state level. Sofia comes to ACE from Toxics Action Center, where she provided organizing assistance to community groups in Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island and built power to address environmental racism, settler colonialism, and other systemic barriers that disproportionately affect communities on the front lines of pollution.

She has a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law, a Masters in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School, and a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.
COMMUNITY MEETINGS

T Rider's Union Members Meeting
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 6 PM-7 PM
For more information email Mela at mela@ace-ej.org
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

A.C.E.'s Summer Solstice Office Party is being hosted by Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE) on June 21st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A time for members to gather, meet one another, and learn about what ACE is up to. Learn about our programs and services from our A.C.E staff. Following that, the celebration or fete begins. Getting our youth summit together for August 9th, and we’re going to be holding a set of auditions over the course of the summer. The 1st one will take place in 2 weeks on Wednesday June 21st, from 5-8 pm at 2201 Washington street, suite 302, Boston, MA 02119

If you have any questions, contact me up here, or email me at Hakim@ace-ej.org Bring the family, and feel free to get in touch with us.

If you have any concerns about becoming involved, volunteering, or just general questions contact: Hakim Sutherland - Director of Youth Advocacy - hakim@ace-ej.org
Emmanuell De Barros - Director of Development and Community Engagement - emmanuell@ace-ej.org

Alternatives for Community and Environment - 2201 Washington St., Suite 302 Boston, MA 02119

How to Enter:
1. Behind the building through the parking lot
2. Use the side "DTA" door on Ruggles Street and press 302 for ACE!
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

YOUTH SUMMIT AUDITIONS

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE YOUTH SUMMIT? SHOWCASE YOUR MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC TALENTS!

WHERE: 2201 WASHINGTON ST #302, ROXBURY, MA 02119
WHEN:
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST
TIMES: 5PM-8PM

ACE alternatives for community & environment
Building Power for Environmental Justice

REEP
Join and tag along with A.C.E as a Volunteer

Organizers
Artists
Environmental Justice Advocates
Students
Community members

Help us spread our message and resources this summer and support our local campaigns

For more information...

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