Build the New in the Just Transition Framework

framework and image source: Climate Justice Alliance
How do we build the new?

Three Examples

At the Community Level
Village of Love and Resistance (VOLAR)

Networks of Support Across Communities
National Black Food and Justice Alliance - Black Land and Power

Supporting the Infrastructure Communities Need
Full Spectrum Labs
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- Community-led development for anti-gentrification
- Community investment

Web: volar.site
The Black Land and Power coalition, coordinated by the National Black Food and Justice Alliance, is a strategic alignment of Black land institutions and organizations around the U.S. working to deepen collective strategy towards regional and national Black land retention, protection and recovery.

- Collective land stewardship
- Food security
Supporting the Infrastructure Communities Need...

Full Spectrum Labs (and Community Stewards)

**Mission**

Full Spectrum Labs is an incubator-accelerator that brings people, ideas, and capital together to grow regenerative economies powered by impactful solutions.

- Building ecosystem Infrastructure
- Financing just transitions

Web: https://fullspectrumlabs.org/
‘They keep coming back’: a Black community in Arizona battles power expansion plans again

Residents in industry-choked Randolph renew efforts to block the power company’s plans near their fragile town

A handful of weary residents gathered at the windowless Randolph church to mull over the latest effort by an electric utility to expand its power station - a polluting gas-fired plant next door to the community that the state regulator has blocked on environmental and health grounds.
Sandbranch, Texas: A Small Community Denied Water for Over 30 Years Fights Back

By Kirsten West Savali  Published December 14, 2016  |  Comments (9)

Sandbranch, Texas, a small unincorporated community in Dallas County, has been fighting for over 30 years to have access to clean running water, but between the machinations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state officials, the town was denied its request. Now, residents are finally fighting back.
COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT (CBA)

The Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) sets forth (1) a range of community benefits and impact mitigations that will be provided by the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) as part of the LAX Master Plan Program, and (2) an ongoing role for the LAX Coalition in implementation and oversight of these benefits and mitigations. The CBA details various proposals of mitigations, benefits, and is an attachment to the Cooperation Agreement.

Noise Mitigation
- Increased funding for Airport Noise Mitigation Program
- End-of-Block Soundproofing
- Suspension of Avigation Easement
- FAR Part 161 Study for Limitations on Nighttime Departures

Economic Development Benefits
- Job Training Program
- Work Experience Programs
- First Source Hiring Program
- Small Business Attraction and Retention Program
- Application of City Living Wage and Worker Retention Ordinances

Community Environmental/Health Studies
- LAX Air Quality and Source Apportionment Study
- Health Study of Upper Respiratory System and Hearing Loss Impacts
- Environmental Justice Community-Based Research Studies

Air Quality/Emission Reductions and Control
- Electrification of Passenger Gates
- Electrification of Cargo Operations Areas
- Electrification of Hangars
- Emission Reductions from Ground Service Equipment
- Emission Reductions from On-Road Trucks, Buses and Shuttles
- Conversion of On-site Trucks, Shuttles and Buses to Alternative Fuel
- Limits on Diesel Idling
- Assessment and Mitigation of Particulate Matter
- Provision of Alternative Fuel
- Hydrogen Fuel Cell Infrastructure at LAX

Environmental Mitigations/Commitments for Construction
- Construction-related Diesel Emission Reduction Requirements
- Rock Crushing Operations/Materials Stockpiles Away from Residential Areas
- Application of Green Building Principles
- Diversion of Construction Traffic from Residential Streets
NATURAL JUSTICE: LAWYERS FOR COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

2013 MEMBER SINCE

WORKING TOWARDS THESE COMMITMENTS

1. SECURE TENURE RIGHTS
2. DIVERSE TENURE SYSTEMS
3. SECURE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
4. LOCALLY-MANAGED ECOSYSTEMS
HOW TO SHUT DOWN A COAL PLANT [FIGHT TARGET, BUILD THE FOOD CART INDUSTRY, EMPOWER WOMEN AND SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THRIVE]

Nov 10, 2020 | Blog Post
SBCLT is a community led organization working to create permanently affordable housing, development without displacement and zero waste in Baltimore.

Sign Up To Get Involved!
Lawyers across the US to learn from JT legal scholars, lawyers, and community organizers ways to use our legal practices to address the needs of frontline communities and advance a just transition.

The Just Transition Lawyering Institute

The JTLI is an online training and network-building program for lawyers looking to align their law practice with the values and demands of just transition.

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OBJECTIVES

JTLI Participants....

- **Gain foundational knowledge** to navigate more effectively in just transition social movement spaces and provide legal counsel to client organizers, individuals, and communities that are navigating the most severe climate and economic impacts of the extractive economy.
- **Build essential skills** to participate more effectively in and contribute to community-driven and systems change processes.
- **Increase values-based connection, skills sharing, and shared analysis** with fellow lawyers, community organizers, and legal scholars.
- **Help to shape and communicate a proactive narrative** that begins to articulate the rapidly emerging field of just transition lawyering.
- **Seed membership and participation** in the national Just Transition Lawyering Network.
- **Support building scholarship and practice** on just transition lawyering aimed at transforming legal education and approaches to lawyering.
Curriculum Format

- **Community Forums**
  - Synchronous Opening + Closing

- **Readings, activities, and discussion forums**
  - Asynchronous variable, weekly

- **Lectures and Panels**
  - Asynchronous 2-3 sessions per week

- **Small-group discussions**
  - Synchronous weekly

Online Learning Platform: [Pathwright](#)
The Just Transition Lawyering Institute

Introductory Activities

Fall Season
7 weeks
October - December

Spring Season
7 weeks
April - May

CLE

Participation in both seasons required, enabling up to 2 years of CLE credit
FALL CURRICULUM WEEKLY THEMES

Pre Week 1. What is a Just Transition? Overview and Foundations

1. Grounding in Purpose, Values, and the Power of Community

2. Colonialism, Capitalism, and Climate Change

3. Legal Tools, Limitations, and Possibilities

4. Keep it in the Ground: Extractive Industries Upstream and Downstream

5. Disaster Law and Equitable Recovery

6. The Rights and Risks of Demanding a Just Transition
SPRING CURRICULUM WEEKLY THEMES

1. Introduction: Building the New

1. Solidarity Economies Lawyering and Growing Solutions from the Ground Up

2. Centering Community Power in Investment and Energy

3. Building Community Wealth and Opportunities

4. Collective Control of the Land and Power Building at Work

5. Ensuring Policy and Public Infrastructure Meet Our Basic Needs

6. Growing Community Resilience & Tools to Facilitate Equitable Recovery
Taproot Earth is building a network of lawyers working to support Black-, Brown-, and Indigenous communities and movements leading us toward climate justice and a just transition from an extractive to a living economy and democracy.