

Climate Volunteer Opportunities Directory

BERKELEY CLIMATE ACTION COALITION WORKING GROUPS

Berkeley Climate Action Coalition (BCAC) - Electrification

<https://ecologycenter.org/climatecoalition/>

Motivate the public to move toward all-electric appliances and away from natural gas dependence, in order to dramatically reduce residential GHG footprint and maximize impact of clean community choice electricity (CCEs).

- *Involvement:* Provide outreach and education on how electrification works, why it's a solid climate strategy, and all the ways people can do it. Create outreach materials, physical and digital. Plan events including home tours, tool demos, support a City-sponsored electrification expo, etc.
- *Commitment:* 2 hours/month
- *Meetings:* Monthly, date TBD
- *Contact:* tgraly@gmail.com

Berkeley Climate Action Coalition (BCAC) – Environmental Health

<https://ecologycenter.org/climatecoalition/>

Motivate community to address and mitigate health implications of climate change through education and advocacy. Work to improve physical and mental health through initiatives that raise awareness of the intersection between environmental factors and human and planetary health.

- *Involvement:* Support educational events, including webinars; solid waste advocacy and projects; planting projects; tabling, and more. Develop outreach materials and strategies.
- *Commitment:* 2 hours/month
- *Meetings:* Monthly, date TBD
- *Contact:* Raj Fadadu envhealthworkinggroup@gmail.com

EAST BAY/ BAY AREA

350 East Bay & 350 East Bay Berkeley Hub

(part of regional 350 Bay Area)

<https://350bayarea.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/350EastBay>

Building a grassroots climate movement in the Bay Area and beyond that achieves deep reductions in carbon pollutions and presses for socially equitable solutions.

- *Campaigns and volunteer action areas:* Clean Energy, Divestment, Fossil Fuel Resistance, Stop the Money Pipeline, State & Local Legislative, Letter Writing, Speakers Bureau; Transportation, 'Coalition-building for Climate Justice, Social Media and Communications, public education on climate.

Berkeley and Oakland “City Hubs” working on city-specific climate policies, with local hub meetings and actions for volunteers to get involved with

- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Contact:* 350EastBay@350bayarea.org, Kathy Dervin dervin.kathy@gmail.com

Alameda Interfaith Climate Action Network

<https://www.interfaithpower.org/get-involved-3/alameda-interfaith-climate-action-network-east-bay-working-group/>

Engage, educate and encourage Alameda County congregations to respond strongly to environmental degradation and spiritual wounding caused by the fossil fuel industry. Address environmental injustice and inequity.

- *Involvement:* Encourage Alameda County to move quickly to 100% renewable local energy. Attend hearings and planning meetings that address injustices resulting from climate chaos. Encourage local and state legislators to adopt effective strategies for mitigation and adaptation. Participate in programs within congregations that connect faith and climate action. This is a great way to get to know folks in a wide array of faith communities who are concerned about and working to dial back climate change.
- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Contact:* francesaubrey@earthlink.net

Albany Climate Action Coalition

<https://www.albanyclimateactioncoalition.com/>

Help us educate the public and lobby city government to promote local policies that address climate change, promote smart urban planning, and environmental justice. Be at the forefront of progressive change in your own community.

- *Project(s):* voter turnout, utility tax campaign, promoting city policies and council candidates that support Albany's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
- *Commitment:* 2 hours/ week
- *Contact:* Nick Peterson <nickpetersonarchitect@gmail.com>

Ashby Community Garden/ We Bee Gardeners

<https://www.webeegardeners.org/>

Support and engage South Berkeley community efforts to grow food and cut out the “middle man,” independent of city programs.

- *Involvement:* Assist with maintaining the garden, facilitate growing food year-round, and help with community events. Ashby Community Garden is open limited hours, depending on members' schedules. Open to Public, Sundays, 1pm-3pm.
- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Contact:* webeegardeners@gmail.com, bcb@bborucki.com, rachelhaight@hotmail.com

Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) Sustainability

<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/sustainability/>

Support a more sustainable Berkeley Unified School District.

- *Involvement:* Help lead waste reduction activities in local schools, including presentations, and help with classroom waste audits.
- *Commitment:* 1-3 hours/ week
- *Contact:* sustainability@berkeley.net

Bike East Bay

<https://BikeEastBay.org>

Promote healthy, sustainable communities by making bicycling safe, fun and accessible.

- *Involvement:* Local campaigns to improve bicycling conditions to encourage more people to ride.

See: <https://bikeeastbay.org/campaigns>.

- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Contact:* info@bikeeastbay.org

CA Interfaith Power and Light

<https://www.interfaithpower.org/>

Empower communities and individuals to be faithful stewards of creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

- *Involvement:* Writing/ research around CA state bills regarding climate change; engaging members to get involved; Education around Community Choice Energy (CCAs). This is a great way to get to know folks in a wide array of faith communities who are concerned and working to dial back climate change.
- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Contact:* liore@interfaithpower.org

Center for Biological Diversity

<https://www.mobilizeforthewild.org/>

Take action in your community, build political power by connecting with others, and develop your skills as an agent of change.

- *Project(s):* Myriad of local, state federal issues including stopping onshore + offshore drilling, protecting wildlife, fighting for clean energy, and keeping tar sands + coal out of the Bay Area.
- *Skills:* People of all levels are welcome. Training provided.
- *Commitment:* Varies - tailored to your availability + passion.
- *Contact:* alauth@biologicaldiversity.org

Citizens Climate Lobby, Alameda County

https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/CA_Alameda_County/

Empower everyday people across more than 400 local chapters across the US to work together to build support in Congress for a national bipartisan solution to climate change.

- *Project(s):* Carbon fee and dividend legislation in Congress; Community outreach.
- *Skills:* 1) Lobbying (speaking in a group with members of Congress and their staff about climate change solutions; training provided); 2) Writing letters to the editor (average writing ability, help provided); 3) Outreach (preparing and delivering presentations, organizing virtual social events)
- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Meetings:* 6:30pm New Member Orientation, 7:00-9:00 pm meeting every third Monday. (On Zoom) Interactive meeting activities include: paired speaking practice on climate issues; breakout working groups on lobbying, outreach, media; etc.
- *Contact:* oak2acorns@yahoo.com or alamedacounty@citizensclimatelobby.org

The Climate Mobilization

<https://www.climatemobilization.org/>

TCM is building power for a national transformation that rapidly restores a safe climate and creates a just and democratic society.

- *Project(s):* Organizing, Research, Communications
- *Skills:* community organizers and team building ; communications, and, policy research / drafting
- *Commitment:* 10 hours/ week
- *Contact:* marina.mails@climatemobilization.org
- *Volunteer application:* <https://secure.everyaction.com/79pDxvKKykKG-Fbhmp6cdA2>

Communities for a Better Environment

www.cbecal.org

Build people power in low-income communities of color blighted with pollution and provide them with technical organizing, legal, research and scientific expertise.

- *Projects:* support with COVID19 response fund; new campaign #BeyondChevron to decommission the Chevron refinery in Richmond and eventually refineries in CA and beyond.
- *Commitment:* flexible; but, 10 hours/ week is desirable
- *Meetings:* Richmond or Oakland
- *Contact:* zolboo@cbecal.org

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE)

<https://ebce.org/>

Provide cleaner power at competitive rates that benefit the community of Alameda County.

- *Project(s): Friends of EBCE* - Provide outreach at community events around the county. Volunteers will be trained via a one hour webinar on EBCE's services and paired with staff.
- *Commitment:* flexible; list of upcoming events at <https://ebce.org/news-and-events/>
- *Contact:* jcortez@ebce.org

Energy Democracy National Tour (by Local Clean Energy Alliance)

<https://energydemocracy.us/>

Shift the narrative toward one of positive and effective solutions led by local communities, taking the work in their own hands to build a cleaner and more equitable future.

- *Skills & projects:* User Experience design for a resource exchange tool for community ownership of energy ; Copy editing for the People's Utility Justice Playbook; Admin/communication support for the national online strategic convening of local community leaders; Media outreach (press and/or social media) to amplify stories from coast to coast.
- *Commitment:* 2-10 hours/week depending on availability
- *Contact:* crystal@thepollinators.com

Fossil Free California

<https://fossilfreeca.org/>

Works to end financial support for climate-damaging fossil fuels (via divestment by pension funds, insurance companies and other financial institutions) and promote a just transition to a low-carbon economy.

- *Specific Project(s):* Divest CalPERS & CalSTRS; Move your Money (banks, personal investments)
- *Skills:* Seeking CalPERS, CalSTRS or union members interested in municipal divestment resolutions; Website support and data entry; Organizer for upcoming CalPERS or CalSTRS meetings (rally and public comments)
- *Commitment:* Few hours/ month; more hours welcome
- *Meetings:* team meetings by Zoom weekly or bi-weekly; very active Slack workspace
- *Contact:* sandy@fossilfreeca.org; miriam@fossilfreeca.org

Friends of Five Creeks

<http://www.fivecreeks.org/>

Mobilize volunteers of all ages to restore, maintain, and enjoy creeks, watersheds, and urban nature.

- *Project(s):* Due to COVID-19, large work parties, walks, and talks are on hold. However, volunteers can still work on several outdoors projects including "adopting" your own site. Opportunities also are available for folks with special skills, from monitoring and mapping to outreach, social media, photography, and graphic design
- *Commitment:* Flexible.
- *Contact:* f5creeks@gmail.com

Local Clean Energy Alliance

<http://localcleanenergy.org/>

Promote the development and democratization of local renewable energy resources as key to addressing climate change, advancing social and racial justice, and building sustainable and resilient communities.

- *Project(s):* Advocacy for local clean energy projects in Alameda County via the East Bay Clean Power Alliance and statewide California Alliance for Community Energy (community choice energy).
- *Skills for general membership:* No skills required.
- *Skills for working directly on projects:* Administrative skills like email/phone correspondence, data entry, and processing reimbursements; Fundraising/ Grant Support; Outreach/ Education to organizations and individuals; Event planning and preparation; Recruitment and outreach.
- *Commitment:* Varies per project, 1 - 6 hours/ week as available
- *Meetings:* Weekly Tuesday staff meeting 2:30-4pm; whole organization meets once/ month
- *Contact:* barbara@localcleanenergy.org

NorCal Resilience Network

<https://www.norcalresilience.org/>

Promote a just transition to an equitable and regenerative future by supporting and activating community-based and ecological solutions in Northern California.

- *Involvement:* Support Resilient Hubs Initiative (scale up home and neighborhood resilience) ; Partner with various community gardens and farms hosting hands-on volunteer activities.
- *Skills:* Gardening (at various sites); Communication (writing, photo and video for website update); Internet research
- *Commitment:* a few hours / week or month as available
- *Meetings:* TBD. Check calendar at <https://www.norcalresilience.org/>
- *Contact:* info@norcalresilience.org

Oakland Climate Action Coalition (OCAC)*

<http://oaklandclimateaction.org/>

Leads Oakland's response to climate change through sustainable, equitable, community-based economic development, engaging social and environmental justice, green business, environmental, and labor groups.

- *Project(s):* Peoples Climate Resilience Campaign (PCRC)
- *Skills:* Graphic design for flyers and infographics; Website redesign and maintenance; Phone banking to existing and OCAC members
- *Commitment:* 10-20 hours/ week
- *Contact:* colin@oaklandclimateaction.org

*Oakland Climate Action Coalition Information may be out of date.

Sunflower Alliance

<https://www.sunflower-alliance.org/>

The Sunflower Alliance consists of grassroots individuals and organizations committed to environmental justice and the health and safety of San Francisco Bay Area communities threatened by toxic pollution and climate disruption.

- *Project(s):* Resistance to fossil fuel infrastructure expansion in the refinery corridor; Richmond/San Pablo AB 617-- Air monitoring and air pollution reduction in communities heavily impacted by polluting industry; No Drilling in Brentwood-- Stopping oil and gas drilling in East Contra Costa County; Ongoing involvement with rulemaking at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District-- research, analysis, and community mobilization; Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force.
- *Upcoming events:* Virtual Summit: A Bay Area Free of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure, August 28, 9–1:00; cemtf.org
- *Skills:* website management, social media outreach, online graphics; research
- *Meetings:* Zoom, every ~3 weeks 1–3 pm on Sunday. Email action@sunflower-alliance.org for the link.
- Sign up for weekly emails of a list of Bay Area climate and social justice events: www.sunflower-alliance.org
- *Contact:* action@sunflower-alliance.org

Transition Berkeley

<https://www.transitionberkeley.org/>

Bringing neighbors together to build a more equitable, sustainable, resilient future for Berkeley. We envision a strong, diverse local economy with greatly reduced dependence on fossil fuels, and a healthy, cooperative rewarding community life.

- *Involvement:* Repair Cafes and Repair Training event planning and volunteering (for virtual events/trainings), Community Pollinator Garden Planting project volunteering (in-person opportunities), Local Climate Action advocacy (for Climate Equity Fund measure on November ballot). Volunteers needed for community outreach, communication support, hands-on planting and more! Educational Events outreach & publicity, Crop and Neighborhood Swapping (presently on hiatus due to COVID19)
- *Commitment:* flexible
- *Contact:* info@transitionberkeley.org

UC Gill Tract Community Farm

<https://www.gilltractfarm.org/>

Committed to food justice and organic urban farming based on agroecological principles aims to develop solutions to social, environmental, and economic injustices.

- *Skills:* Farming, including planting, bed preparation, mulching, harvesting, irrigation, integrated pest

management, data entry, outreach, research, etc. (no prior experience necessary)

- **Contact:** In order to work at the farm, you *must* email volunteers@gilltractfarm.org beforehand to get trained. Reach out and let them know what days you are available to get trained and work!

1000 Grandmothers

<https://www.1000grandmothers.com/>

We are elder women who care about seven generations forward. We work on climate issues and climate justice.

- **Activities:** Looking to connect and collaborate with other organizations; build our base of Grandmothers to attend rallies and work on upcoming projects.
- **Commitment:** As needed; put out calls for action around Bay Area
- **Contact:** nfeinst@gmail.com

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Citizens' Climate Lobby

