



ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE TRACK

Stage 1: Identify Desired Results

Established Goals

1. Understand how to launch grassroots expressions of energy & climate work;
2. Understand how grassroots energy & climate projects can get to root causes;
3. Understand how grassroots work furthers regional energy & climate strategies;
4. Understand how to measure impact of energy & climate efforts; and
5. Understand energy & climate work can create co-benefits across other (issue) areas.

Enduring Understandings

Participants will understand ...

- A. How to determine first steps towards energy & climate organizing;
- B. How to develop efforts to start addressing root causes;
- C. How grassroots projects contribute to regional energy & climate impact(s);
- D. How to develop a basic evaluation strategy to assess impacts; and
- E. How to prioritize co-benefits with other (issue) area projects/campaigns.

Essential Questions

Participants will seek deeper understanding through considering...

- A. What policies and programs can be adopted at the city/town level to move my community closer to 100% renewable energy?
- B. How can I help my community reduce its carbon footprint?
- C. How can organizing for clean energy at the municipal level enhance democratic control of and equitable access to our energy system?
- D. What have other grassroots organizations campaigned to adopt as policies in their communities, and what have the results been? (policy outcomes, organizational capacity-building)
- E. How can I help my community better understand and support community owned energy projects?

As a result of this track, participants will be able to...

1. Propose and implement a next step in advancing the energy democracy vision in their community;
2. Engage community members, projects and organizations outside the energy world in order to co-create more innovative solutions;
3. Determine first steps towards energy & climate organizing;
4. Develop efforts to start addressing root causes;
5. Develop a basic evaluation strategy to assess impacts; and
6. Identify and prioritize co-benefits with other (issue) area projects/campaigns.

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