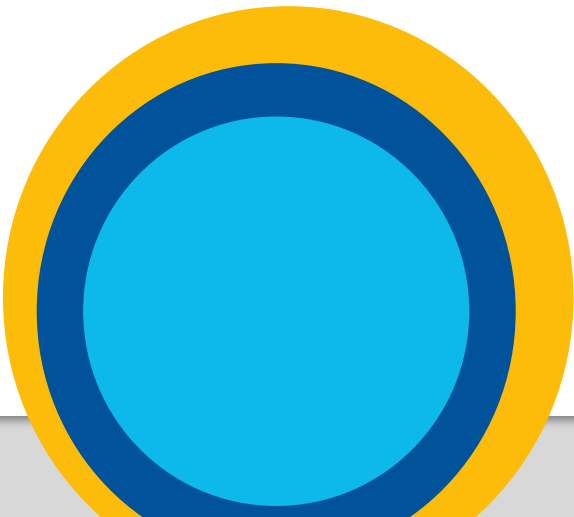




Partnership for Southern Equity

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Community Clean Energy Coalition Prize Summit

Advancing Climate and Environmental Justice



Our Mission

The Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE) advances policies and institutional actions that promote **racial equity and shared prosperity** for all in the growth of metropolitan Atlanta and the American South.

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The PSE Way

-  **Leading with race**
-  **Catalyzing relationships**
-  **Growing an equity ecosystem**
-  **Grounding in communities of color and low wealth**
-  **Foundation in data and research**



THE PSE Theory of Engagement

Our community organization work is driven by the belief that:

1. Marginalized residents directly impacted by inequitable policies must step into their agency to engage in decision-making at the beginning, middle and end of a process.
2. Creating engagement opportunities that shape how public policies and practices will be influenced/changed by the wisdom provided by leaders of marginalized populations.
3. Due to vigorous engagement, new leaders, civic infrastructure and policy innovations can be realized that support better outcomes throughout the South.

Just Energy Circle

Guiding Principles of the Just Energy Circle:



Community engagement is vital for the progression of self-sufficient people and neighborhoods



Access to high-quality energy should be fairly priced for all



Transparency and accountability is a necessity of energy providers



Equity accessibility should be the principal growth model for the American South




All people have a part to play in our emerging green sector economy



The best field and scientific research should be utilized and leveraged to find the best energy solutions





Just Energy
works to
**advance the fair
distribution of the benefits
and burdens, of energy
production and
consumption.**

**Just
Energy
Circle**

**Community
Organizing &
Engagement**

**Just
Energy
Academ**

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ADVANCING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES

- Disaster Relief in Glynn and Chatham Counties
- Development Liaison with Community First Planning Commission
- The Urgency of Now 2.0: The Urgency of Environmental Justice for Georgia's Communities of Color: Intersectionality of Health and Environmental Justice
- Community Solar Projects for Communities of Color
- Energy Justice and Advocacy at Colorado State University
- Girl + Environment Energy Justice Ambassadors Program
- \$43 Million in Federal Funding for Black and Brown Founders in our Justice40 Accelerator Cohorts



LESSONS LEARNED ADVANCING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Frame inequities as a violation of shared values.
- Be a positively realistic person moving at the speed of trust, not ideas.
- Intersectionality is key to healthy lifecycle development.
- Communities need a safe space to discuss historic/cultural contexts.
- Get community input as early as possible. Build with community over building for community.
- Community must inform programming and policy change.
- Transformed, courageous individuals, ready to act.
- Enhanced leadership capacity and power at the community level.

Values Revolution = Policy Revolution



“We as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a ‘thing-oriented’ society to a ‘person-oriented’ society.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.