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Environmental Justice

COPAL NEWS

COPAL 2024 College Tour, COP29 in Baku, Clean Heat MN, events and more

Welcome to COPAL's Environmental Justice Newsletter, where you can expect to find information about outdoor events, access to green spaces, forced migration, green jobs, pollution reduction, and an equitable transition to clean energy. We are excited for you to join us again!

If you have any news or events that you would like to add to next month's newsletter, reach out to info@copalmn.org.

COPAL 2024 College Tour: Extractivism & Conflict in Latin America

Last week, COPAL executed our 2024 College Tour! We were joined by guest speaker Michael Wilson Becerril, as we visited six colleges and universities across Minnesota. We had the pleasure of connecting with over 150 students and faculty, discussing issues around environmental justice and the election. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who showed up, participated, and helped make these events meaningful!

Special thanks to the student leaders and staff at these colleges for hosting us:

★ Macalester College

★ Minneapolis Community
and Technical College (MCTC)

★ University of Minnesota - Morris

★ Concordia College

★ Carleton College

★ Gustavus Adolphus College







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Interested in hosting us at your college next year? Reach out to info@copalmn.org.

COP29 in Bakú, Azerbaiyán

COPAL's Environmental Justice Coordinator, Melody Arteaga, will be joining [Climate Generation's delegation to COP29](#) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

What is COP?

COP29, or the 29th "Conference of the Parties," is a global gathering where representatives from nearly every country come together to address climate change. Each year, these conferences focus on finding solutions to limit global warming, protect ecosystems, and help communities adapt to climate impacts.


At COP29, countries will negotiate commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy sources like wind and solar, and support nations vulnerable to climate disasters such as hurricanes, droughts, and floods. The goal is to create international cooperation, with each country pledging specific actions to meet the targets set under the Paris Agreement—a global effort to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, ideally closer to 1.5 degrees.

As climate discussions continue on a global stage, COPAL's presence at COP29 is vital to ensure that frontline communities' voices are heard, and our concerns are prioritized. These conversations will shape policies that affect us all, especially those most impacted by the climate crisis. Our communities must be included in the decisions that will ultimately affect our lives and futures.

If you are interested in following the COP29 conference through the perspective of Climate Generation's delegation, subscribe to the [Window into COP29 Digest](#).



COP29 Delegation

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 Analyah	 Antavia	 Zoe	 Lucia
 Rakiya	 Manny	 Melody	 Ethan



Meet Climate Generation's
COP29 delegation!

Clean Heat MN: Become a Savy Energy Consumer

For most households, winter brings the highest energy bills of the year. We invite you to join us for dinner and an interactive workshop to prep your home and budget for the winter heating season.

The workshop will focus on understanding your utility bills, preparing your home for winter, ideas to reduce energy use, and information about programs and rebates that will save you money. We will also discuss how you can make your voice heard when utilities try to raise rates. Bring all your energy-related questions!



Date: Wednesday, November 13th



Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Location: Sabathani Community Center,
310 E 38th St Ste 120, Minneapolis,
MN 55409



[Click here to register!](#)

Electrify Everything: Home Electrification

Thinking about replacing an old appliance soon? Have questions about upgrading your home with clean, efficient energy? Come to Electrify Everything's workshop to learn about home electrification, how to switch from gas appliances to electric ones, and resources and incentives available to help you keep costs affordable.

There will be two workshops; each will be held in Spanish with dinner provided!



[November 14th](#) from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
by Hennepin County and Electrify
Everything



[December 5th](#) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
by COPAL and Electrify Everything

Upcoming Outdoor Events

One aspect of COPAL's Environmental Justice work is connecting community members with outdoor activities. BIPOC Minnesotans are less likely to utilize and connect with Minnesota's outdoor spaces. COPAL recognizes the importance of connecting to nature to invest in efforts to preserve it. Therefore, we are always looking to host and promote outdoor events.

If you have an outdoor event that you would like mentioned in future newsletters, please email info@copalmn.org.



ART IN NATURE

November 16 | 3pm – 5pm

Minnehaha Falls; 4825 Minnehaha Ave

Cost: **Free**

Radio Jornalera MN

Radio Jornalera is COPAL's community digital station that contributes to building community power and influencing processes of positive social change through popular education, debates on issues of interest, and the promotion of social values and our rights. It features weekly programming including our Environmental Justice program, *What's Up Minnesota?* / *¿Qué onda Minnesota?*, where we discuss environmental topics related to health, economy, forced migration, public policies, and much more.

Join us every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. [Tune in here!](#)



In solidarity,

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