

NEWSLETTER

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PolicyLink Equity Summit held in Atlanta GA, August 26-28, Breakfast with staff in NYC.



Ghaaji-Happy Dineh New Year!

As the crisp air of autumn sweeps in, bringing with it the vibrant colors of change. I extend a heartfelt welcome to this season of reflection and renewal. Here at the NM Social Justice Equity Institute, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission.

This October, our newsletter is brimming with stories of resilience, community triumphs, and exciting updates on our initiatives. We are honored to continue this journey toward justice and equity with each of you. Your dedication and passion fuel our work, and together, we are making strides toward a more equitable world.

Warmest regards, Anna Rondon Project Director, NM Social Justice Equity Institute

Warm Welcome Everyone,

The PolicyLink Equity Summit 2024, themed "A Revolution of the **Soul.**" was held in Atlanta and brought together a diverse group of leaders, activists, and community members to discuss and advance equity across various sectors. The summit emphasized the importance of transforming laws, regulations, customs, and institutions to create a future where everyone can thrive. Key highlights included:

- Keynote Addresses: Inspirational speeches from prominent figures in the equity movement, focusing on the need for systemic change and collective action.
- Workshops and Panels: Sessions covered topics such as equitable development, housing, public investment, and health, providing attendees with practical tools and strategies to implement in their communities.
- Networking Opportunities: Attendees had the chance to connect with like-minded individuals and organizations, fostering collaboration and the sharing of best practices.
- Future Vision: The summit set the stage for ongoing efforts leading up to the 2026 Equity Summit in Washington, DC, with a focus on building an affirmative vision for the nation.

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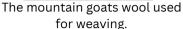
- PolicyLlnk Equity Summit Atlanta, GA August 2024
- Tribal Indigenous Climate September 2024 Conference Anchorage, Alaska Climate Justice Week New York City September 2024
- Wayfarer: Mitakuya Oasin Lakota Territories South Dakota, October 2024
- Publications/Announcements









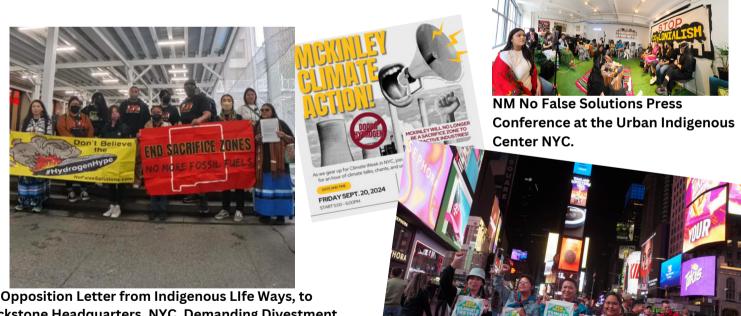




Tribal Indigenous Climate Conference Anchorage AK

National Tribal Indigenous Climate Conference was an enriching experience that highlighted the unique challenges and solutions related to climate change in Indigenous communities. Thank you to Dr. Karletta Chief and the Indigenous Resilience Center/University of Arizona, for the invitation to attend. Key takeaways from the conference included:

- **Cultural Resilience**: Discussions on how Indigenous knowledge and practices are vital for climate resilience and adaptation.
- **Policy Advocacy**: Sessions focused on advocating for policies that support Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice.
- Community-Led Solutions: Examples of successful community-led initiatives that address climate impacts while
 preserving cultural heritage.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Emphasis on the importance of partnerships between Indigenous communities, governments, and organizations to tackle climate challenges effectively.



Opposition Letter from Indigenous LIfe Ways, to Blackstone Headquarters, NYC, Demanding Divestment from Hydrogen Development on Navajo Lands.

Climate Justice Week

Akeemi Martinez, Dineh was the photographer and videographer

McKinley No False Solutions, Indigenous Life Ways, McKinley Health Alliance, and NM Social Justice Equity Institute TIMES SQUARE NYC 9/26/2024

"Mitakuye Oyansin Igluwatiyapi,"

Indigenous Life Ways and NMSJEI were invited to attend the gathering of relatives in Rapid City, hosted by the 100 Horses Society and Wayfarer Foundation. Prayer offerings at Bear Butte on the first day.





Unite to Shine Your Light
Dineh and Lakota peoples organized for over a year.



Faith Spotted Eagle, Lakota, Knowledge Holder shares insights on how to stay in the Indigenous thought as we decolonize our minds.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Publications

Thrive Rural Framework

https://www.aspeninstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Rural-uploads/2024/Rural-uploads/20

Thrive Rural Framework Worksheets

https://www.aspeninstitute.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/06/RuralHealth.5.21.24.pdf

FEDERAL GRANT TOOLKIT JOURNEY https://bea4impact.org/sites/default/files/documents/BEA-Federal-Grant-Toolkit.pdf

file:///Users/annarondon/Downloads/Native %20American%20Food%20Security%20Foc us%20Groups%20July-August%202022%20(2).pdf



Health Equity Summit October 28 & 29 2024 Embassy Suites Albuquerque NM



McKinley Community Health Alliance
Meets the second Wednesday of each month at
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
https://mckinleyhealthalliance.org/

Deconstructing Racism New Mexico (DRNM) and the Racism, Health and Economic Impact Analysis (RHEIA)

https://www.deconstructingracismnewmexico.org

Deconstructing Racism New Mexico (DRNM) is a project driven by a coalition of individuals and organizations including Dream Team, NM Social Justice Equity Institute, ENLACE, New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, New Mexico Poor People's Campaign, Together for Brothers, Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico, UNM Community Engagement Center and others. The coalition is coordinated and co-facilitated by Dr. Kiran Katira, UNM CEC Director, and Christopher Ramírez, T4B Executive Director. Also DRNM is thankful for the financial support from Con Alma Health Foundation, McCune Charitable Foundation and Santa Fe Community Foundation.

WATER EQUITY CLIMATE RESILIENCE CAUCUS

APRIL 16 - 18 2025 SAVE THE DATE

Albuquerque, New Mexico Co-hosts: WECR/PolicyLink, NM Social Justice Equity Institute