

Northeast Climate Confluence questionnaire for groups or individuals offering workshops:

We're thrilled that you are interested in facilitating a workshop for the Confluence, and are open to a wide range of ideas. We are working hard to make the Confluence a unique event with long-lasting impact, and having a series of powerful and transformational workshops will be a major element of this. In putting together your proposal, here are some suggestions about qualities an ideal workshop might have: *[Note - none of these is prerequisite for presenting, please submit any workshop proposal that you find relevant or exciting and we'll get in touch with you!]*

- > interactive and multi-formatted, appealing to a wide range of learning styles
- > based on experience and presented by those most affected by an issue
- > holistic, showing the connection between different issues rather than being single-issue based
- > English/Spanish or English/Portuguese bilingual and open for translation into other languages.
- > a collaborative effort between multiple organizations or people working on multiple issues
- > have good resource materials so people can follow up in-depth in their own time
- > in accordance with the Confluence points of unity and able to fit constructively into one or more of the 4 workshop "streams".

In order to build towards conclusions and concrete action plans, the workshops during the Confluence will be organized into "streams." Each stream will build from a basic foundation of educating about the issues and sharing stories, to making concrete plans and strategizing for collective action and building projects. Skills-based trainings will be integrated throughout.

The 4 "Streams" are:

* **Youth Track**: The Youth Track will bring together youth (ages 13-18) from all over the Northeast to connect with other youth working for justice and gain the skills that they need to make positive changes in their communities and the world. Most workshops in the Youth Track will be facilitated by and for youth.

* **From Ice Storm to ICE Raids: Northeast Disaster Preparedness Network**:

The goal of this track is to begin conversations and make plans to create a northeast regional disaster response network, so that no matter what form the coming disasters take we will be ready. Within each city, these plans can include everything from medic trainings and community evacuation plans, to rapid-response call networks to respond to police violence or ICE raids.

* **Building Self Sufficient Communities**: From food, water, and energy, to housing, health care, and community justice – what does it take to build communities that are independent from the institutions attacking our communities and the planet? What projects already exist that are working towards this, and what more do we need?

* **Connecting Grassroots Struggles**: Grassroots struggles around the world consistently challenge dominant frameworks of destruction and control. Understanding these movements is critical to our work regionally. What kind of strategies and tactics can we borrow from these movements? How can solidarity be developed and enhanced? This track will include both education on issues and hands-on training to develop grassroots organizing skills.

To submit your proposal for facilitating a workshop during the Confluence, please answer these ten questions and send in the responses to

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- 1) What is your name and the name of your group / organization. Is this a collaborative workshop between multiple organizations? If so, which organizations?
- 2) What is a brief description of what you do, or a place where we can find more information
- 3) Have you read the points of unity for the confluence? Does your workshop complement these points? (We ask that all workshops accommodate the points of unity in order to draw important connections and create a holistic and liberatory space)
- 4) Please provide a short but detailed description of your proposed workshop, including its content, goals, and any other relevant information.
- 5) Does this workshop fit into any of our main streams (see above). If so, where would it fit? (ex. beginning, middle, end, or... introduction/foundation, intermediate, conclusion/strategy planning) Note: Fitting into a workshop stream is NOT a requirement.
- 6) How many presenters will you have, and what are the identities of your presenters. (We are seeking to emphasize and amplify voices of those from frontline communities and those who are usually marginalized, and will weight towards including workshops presented by marginalized individuals and groups)
- 7) Will your workshop be english/Spanish bilingual or have materials in other languages? If not, would you be open to having the workshop be translated (without live translation headsets, translation adds considerable length)
- 8) What is the format of your workshop, and do you have experience with techniques of participatory / popular education? We wish to have all workshops be dynamic and interactive, appealing to a wide variety of learning styles. (If you would like suggestions for making a workshop more interactive, ask us!)
- 9) Please alert us to any space requirements, needed materials and resources (like electricity), food allergies, time constraints, etc that you may have. Can you provide any of these materials yourself? We may not be able to accommodate everything, but will do our best to be flexible and provide for your needs.
- 10) Anything else you think we should know about you, your organization, or this workshop?