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ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM TOOLKIT 2.0

for Kids!



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WHAT DOES ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM MEAN?

Environmental racism
occurs when policies and
practices disproportionately
expose Black, Indigenous,
and other communities of
color to pollution and
hazardous conditions in their
homes, neighborhoods,
places of work, and other
parts of their lives

-Yuko Yaduatsu



WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Environmental Justice
means to being sure that
everyone has a fair chance
of finding housing,
employment, and a good
education, all in a safe and
protected environment

- National Institute for Environmental
Health Services:

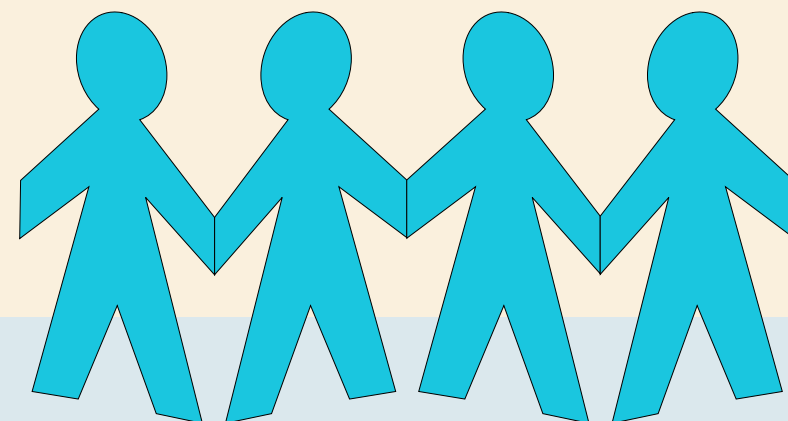


”ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE’ IS THE FAIR TREATMENT AND MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR INCOME WITH RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES.”

- NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR KIDS

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SOME WAYS YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM



HOUSING



Major pollution producing industries and waste producing facilities are put in the places where lower income people often live because there are fewer laws preventing the pollution.

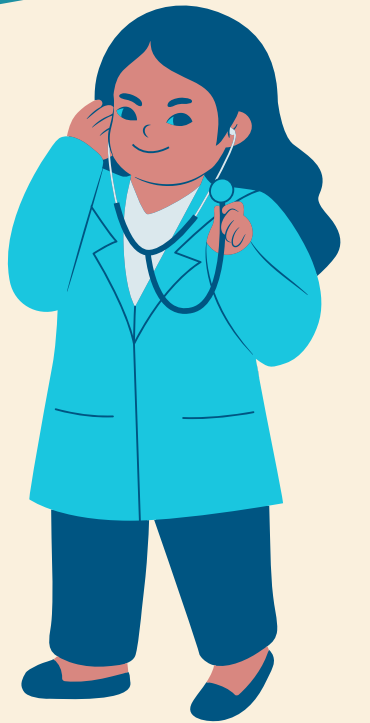


OUTDOOR RECREATION



For many years people of color have been excluded from the outdoor recreation community. They have not been able to enjoy nature in the same way, or participate in environmental movements in the same way.

HEALTH



Particulate or particle pollution is the air pollution created when fossil fuels are burned, and that can cause damage for peoples' lungs.

Let's dive in!

HOW ARE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM CONNECTED?





DRINKING WATER

Groundwater is the main source of drinking water
for one of every two Americans.

Every day scientists are discovering more chemicals
in the water, usually in lower-income communities.



BROWNFIELDS

These are places where hazardous substances have been left behind and abandoned from past projects, but may still be causing harm. They can remain in the ground and potentially cause health issues.



PARTICULATE POLLUTION

Air pollution caused by the combustion of fossil fuels; particulate matter includes road dust, soot, ash, smoke, and more that are suspended in the air and can cause health issues for people living in these areas.

GROUPS THAT ARE WORKING TO FIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM AND INJUSTICE



- Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (Dillard University)
- Indigenous Environment Network
- Black Millennials for Flint
- The Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment.
- Environmental Justice Resource Center (Atlanta, GA.)
- Boston Youth Environmental Network
- Hip Hop Caucus-Green the Block



GOALS OF INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS



1. Educate the public on racism as a whole and especially on the disproportionate effects of environmental issues on communities of color
2. Increase public engagement
3. Changing the profile of what it means to be an environmentalist
4. Diversify educational institutions and the faculty who teach environmental, conservation, and science courses
5. Invest in young people to encourage innovation
6. Listen to the communities most affected by these issues
7. Develop equitable climate policy



SO WHAT HOW CAN WE TAKE A STAND AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM?



Inclusion

A major issue within environmental racism is certain groups being excluded. You can try to learn more about these groups and their histories with the native environment.



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Listening

Lots of times the groups most affected by these issues feel ignored or not listened to, so by offering a listening ear to understand their perspective you are taking a stand against environmental racism!



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Ask questions & Learn

This is a confusing and complex issue that lots of adults have trouble understanding, but don't feel overwhelmed! Ask questions and be ready to learn more.



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