A conversation about building an equitable, clean energy future for Illinois.
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Listen. Lead. Share.

The intersectionality of faith and environmental justice.
“Faith in Place empowers Illinois people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.”
Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition

Who are we?

We’re a group of environmental, justice and faith-based institutions, consumer watchdogs, public health, student activists, clean-technology businesses and entrepreneurs, working alongside community and civic leaders to advance clean energy jobs across Illinois.
Listen. Lead. Share. Goal:

We want to **listen** to you. We want to **share the facts**. We want to **hear your facts**. We want to **make Illinois a leader**.

To do this, we want to have conversations with **YOU**, so together, we can build a clean energy economy for all.
The Future Energy Jobs Act

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- Powers one million homes by 2021 with solar and wind energy
- Brings “Illinois Solar For All” to disadvantaged communities
- More energy savings and lower electric bills
A Clean Energy Vision for Illinois

The Four Policy Pillars:

1. Quality jobs and investments in communities across the state
2. 100% renewable energy by 2050
3. Carbon-free electric sector by 2030
4. Increase electric vehicles
We want to ensure high-quality jobs and economic opportunity are at the heart of our vision for a clean, equitable energy future for all.
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- Community Benefit Agreements

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CORE ED. IN TARGET COMMUNITIES
(Building Job Readiness)

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS
(Building Job Skills)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(Building New Businesses)
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Community Discussion: Pillar One

Clean Energy Jobs and Your Community

What do you, your family and your community value as the most important benefits of clean energy-related jobs?

What do you need to make these jobs a reality?
Community Input: Pillar One

JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How would you and your community prioritize the hiring obligations for clean energy-related companies? Score 1 - 5, with five being the highest priority.

- Hire locally
- Hire union
- Hire a higher percentage from training/apprenticeship programs
- Hire workers from a former coal or gas plant
- Hire from economically disadvantaged communities
- Hire from environmental justice communities
- Other __________________________

What ideas do you have to help encourage new jobs and investment in your community?
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Survey Time!
Replace the equivalent of one million gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles on the road with electric vehicles, mass transit and other alternatives.
Community Discussion: Pillar Four

Electric Vehicles and You

How can our communities use clean energy transportation?

What are some ideas to make sure clean energy transportation reaches throughout the state, in all urban and rural communities, including people for whom car ownership may not be an option?
Community Input: Pillar Four

ELECTRIFY TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

1) How would you rank the barriers that prevent people/entities in your community from purchasing electric vehicles? Rank 1 - 4, with one being the highest priority.

- Cost of purchasing an electric vehicle (EV)
- Range of EVs
- Availability of EV charging stations
- Education and awareness
  - I already have alternative transportation options (mass transit, buses and trains)

1) What are some ideas to ensure the benefits from vehicle electrification reach all communities, even those where new car ownership may not be an option, and rural communities away from population centers?
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We want to expand renewable energy and energy efficiency in an equitable manner to set Illinois on a path to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050.
Community Discussion: Pillar Two

100% Renewable Energy by 2050

What would it take for you and your community to support nearby renewables development, like solar and wind energy?

What are some hurdles to investing in energy efficient appliances, and/or upgrading homes and businesses to use less energy?

How can we overcome those hurdles?
Community Input: Pillar Two

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050

Currently, Illinois has a target of approximately 25% of electricity coming from renewable resources like wind and solar by 2025. How much of your electricity would you want to come from **renewable resources such as wind and solar?**

___25% ___50% ___75% ___100% ___other

Have you heard of, or taken advantage of, a utility energy efficiency program?

___Yes ___No

What was your experience like?

___Positive ___Negative ___Neutral

What about your experience was positive, negative, or neutral? Is there anything else you’d like to share?
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We want to achieve a carbon and pollution-free power sector by 2030.
Fossil Fuel Plant Retirements and Your Community

As energy markets favor solar, wind, and energy efficiency over more expensive fossil fuels, coal-reliant communities become vulnerable to job loss and a “boom and bust economy.”

Illinois needs a long-term investment plan for communities facing economic challenges. When companies in company-towns decide to close their doors, what will these communities need to thrive?
Community Input: Pillar Three

CARBON-FREE ELECTRIC SECTOR BY 2030

1) How can Illinois best help communities that have been dependent on coal and fossil-fuels companies who have chosen to close plants and layoff workers? Rank 1 - 5, with one being the highest priority.

___ New job training and placement programs for workers
___ Prioritize coal communities for clean energy projects
___ Prioritize coal communities for economic development
___ Require coal companies to clean up coal ash and mining waste so the land can be redeveloped
___ Other ideas ________________________________

1) Do you believe it is more important to close coal plants in Illinois as quickly as possible, or should the pace be slower to allow for communities where fossil fuel power plants are located time to adjust?
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