

The Initiative for Energy Justice provides **law and policy resources** to advocates and policymakers to advance state-level transitions to equitable renewable energy.

Centering Equity and Justice in Energy Policy

A growing number of **policymakers around the United States are seeking to increase the share of renewables on the electricity grid**, but lack technical policy guidance on how to design and implement energy policy that places equity at the center of policy design, rather than as an ancillary concern considered after the fact. Similarly, **traditional frontline environmental justice, social justice, and civil rights organizations have fought to be included in deliberations concerning renewable energy policy**, but often find themselves lacking equitable access to the resources (e.g., research, data, model rules, etc.) necessary to participate fully in the policymaking process.

Strategies

Policy Research and Resource Development

Conducting research to inform the development of a range of resources, such as policy tools and best practices, accessible to both policy advocates and policymakers in the following areas:

- 100% Renewable Energy
- Utility Structures
- Community Solar
- Rooftop Solar
- Access to Energy

Engagement and Capacity Building with Advocates and Policymakers

Collaborating with stakeholders to design and apply IEJ research, resources, and model policies

Energy Justice Leadership Development

Building the field of energy justice professionals and leaders



Programs & Activities



Core Law, Policy, and Regulatory Research

Conducting research in partnership with a diverse set of scholars, frontline energy justice leaders, social justice advocates, and civil rights organizations



Resource Development and Translation

Translating core research into a range of resources, accessible to advocates and policymakers, including:

- Energy Justice Workbook
- Reports and Policy Briefs
- Scorecards
- Model Policies
- Webinars, Videos, and Similar Online Tools



Workshops & Convenings for Advocates

Working with frontline organizations and leaders to collaborate on and co-design the translation of movement goals into IEJ's resources and tools



Train the Trainer Program

Building legal and technical capacity in frontline organizations for engagement in legislative and policy activities at the local and state levels



Workshops & Trainings for Policymakers

Convening key policymakers, in collaboration with allied leaders and organizations, to share best practices and model policies



Legal & Policy Fellows Program

Delivering a full-time legal & policy fellows program to employ and train top law school graduates, as well as graduates from other programs, to support IEJ research and engagement efforts



Student Program

Training students on energy justice by engaging them in research and policy projects

Objectives

National Energy Justice Hub: IEJ serves as a hub for energy justice at a national level, arming frontline organizations with the academic policy research, best practices, and model frameworks needed for operationalizing an equity-centered just transition to renewable energy in their states

Adoption of State Frameworks and Models for Energy Justice: Frontline organizations and policymakers are working collaboratively to drive the development and incorporation of actionable energy justice policy frameworks and transactional models in the energy transition

A Growing Field of Practice: A robust field of energy justice practitioners have the capacity to engage across the technical, policy, and advocacy dimensions of the renewable energy transition



We envision a transition across all U.S. states and territories to true energy justice, ensuring that energy is **accessible, affordable, clean, and democratically managed** for all communities, while also remediating past social, economic, and health burdens on those disproportionately harmed by the current energy system.