



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYS P21) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

Green Long Island

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Project Description

The New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) is a non-profit membership organization of 200 local unions and approximately 400 individuals which has served the New York Metropolitan area for almost 30 years. NYCOSH offers training, education, technical assistance and advocacy toward safe and healthy workplaces for all. The goal of the *Green Long Island* project was to increase the awareness and use of green cleaning products among schools, healthcare facilities and municipalities on Long Island. Activities included:

1. Conducting research of best practices by employers and employees in using green cleaning products
2. Conducting assessments of worker attitudes towards transitioning to green products
3. Integrating the research findings into existing training curricula and writing educational fact sheets on green products that can be used as hand-outs in training sessions and widely distributed to Long Island stakeholders
4. Conducting both general awareness and advanced training sessions on green products and toxic reduction to the workers and unions represented in Occupational and Environmental Health Committee of the Long Island Federation of Labor and their respective employers

Project Status

The project was a success! NYCOSH reported conducting sustained outreach to 40 Long Island unions that represent over 100,000 members, presenting 5 workshops attended by 61 people, speaking about the project at three events attended by over 600 people, connecting with 45 media outlets to discuss workshops, and distributed two surveys which an overwhelming response: received 195 survey responses from custodial/maintenance employees and 486 survey responses from teachers and clerical employees in Long Island public schools.

The Green Revolution on Long Island: Red, Yellow or Green Light for Workers and Unions?

Tuesday, October 27
4-7 P.M.


IBEW Local 1049, 745 Old Willets Path
Hauppauge

Join us for an in-depth presentation and moderated discussion of the issues, opportunities and challenges union members face with the continued growth of green programs and technology.



- Does green mean job growth or job loss?
- Will jobs be better and safer, or lower paid and contain hidden dangers?
- How can green initiatives make living conditions on Long Island better and more sustainable for everyone?
- What role are unions playing?
- What are legislative and other initiatives that labor should get behind?
- What specific health and safety issues are arising along with green jobs and technology?

Speakers:
Jim Young, National Education and Policy Director, Blue Green Alliance, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Young will present an overview of the Blue Green Alliance, a three-year-old labor environment coalition. He will discuss the efforts to build government and private sector support for green jobs, to advocate for policies supportive of a sustainable economy, and to assure that green jobs are safe jobs.
Dave Newman, Industrial Hygienist, New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health. Former CWA member, Mr. Newman is an industrial hygienist with NYCOSH who does site inspections, research and technical assistance for New York unions on a host of health and safety issues. He has worked on toxic reduction initiatives, been active in the Apollo Alliance, has urged the inclusion health and safety principles in green action and has conducted workshops on issues around weatherization and other topics.

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