

Why do we need an Urban Environment Institute in Newark?

There are many environmental injustices in our neighborhoods: lead paint in our homes, contaminated sites, polluting industries, too much traffic, just to name a few.

Our neighborhoods and residents are getting sick from asthma, cancers, heart conditions and more. Individuals are often blamed for their condition; yet the environment we live, play, attend school, work and worship in is often the unhealthy culprit. We can not let these environmental injustices continue.

The Urban Environmental Institute (UEI) has been established to create the next generation of urban environmental advocates. Together, we will form a strong, unified voice and leadership for environmental justice throughout our Newark neighborhoods.

The ultimate goal is to ensure that our homes, workplaces, play areas and schools are as free as possible from the environmental and health harms caused by the pollution found in the air we breathe, water we drink, fish and recreate in, as well as the buildings we occupy.



What is the UEI?

It is a leadership training institute designed to provide:

- knowledge of environmental and related public health problems as well as potential solutions, and
- skills in media communications, community outreach, grassroots organizing and engaging in public decision-making arenas.

When is the Urban Environmental Institute Course being held?



- February 7 - March 28, 2009
- 8 consecutive Saturdays
- 9 am—4 pm
- No fee
- Field Trips

Where is the training course located?

430 Lafayette Street in Ironbound Newark, NJ

Who is eligible to apply?

- Qualified East Ward Residents in Newark
- Must be 15-21 years of age
- Committed to positive social change
- Seeking solutions to environmental injustices
- Eager to learn new skills and apply them in your community
- Sponsored (at no cost) by a local civic, school, community, or religious entity
- Must be able to attend *all* sessions

How do I apply?

Contact : Jeanette Mitchell
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Who is sponsoring the UEI?

Clean Water Fund in coordination with the Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) have created the leadership training program and materials, selected eligible applicants, and all other matters related to the operation of the institute.

Clean Water Fund (CWF) is a national environmental education, research, training and advocacy organization based in NJ for over 25 years.

ICC is the leading social service organization in the Ironbound section of Newark, empowering residents to build better lives for themselves and a better community.

To request an application call Jeanette Mitchell at 347-742-3465, email jeanette.mitchell@ueinj.org, or fill out and return to address or fax below:

Name: _____

Street: _____

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Potential sponsoring organization:

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**One Voice
One Community
One Earth**

Preserving and Protecting Our Environment One Step At a Time

Protecting the environment is not just a birds and bunny issue. It is about protecting the health and well being of our communities and its people.

It's about standing up to the polluters, engaging public officials, thereby making them more accountable and responsive to our neighborhoods.

Newark needs a loud & clear voice for environmental justice.

Newark loses many precious lives to homicide, but the city's biggest silent killer is its polluted environment. It attacks our children, elderly and already ailing. It is no accident that:

- 1 out of every 4 of our urban school children is likely to have asthma, double the state and national average. The #1 reason for school absenteeism in the nation.
- Newark's asthma related death and hospitalization rates are twice that of the Essex County suburbs. With Essex County overall being ranked 2nd worst in the state after Bergen County.



**IT STARTS WITH YOU!
GO GREEN!**

Be part of the solution.

Take UEI's leadership training course.



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