

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a blue denim shirt, stands behind a white podium, gesturing with her right hand raised. She is addressing an audience. In the foreground, the back of a person's head with curly hair is visible, and another person's hand is raised. The background is a warm orange wall.

Meeting this Moment:

How community organizations are mobilizing collaborative housing and energy solutions

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About R2E2

- Residential Retrofits for Energy Equity (R2E2) is a new nationwide initiative that will provide training to state, local, and tribal governments as well as community-based organizations and other partners to jumpstart energy upgrades for affordable housing that will lower utility bills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve residents' health, create good-paying local jobs, and help advance racial equity.
- A partnership of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Elevate, Emerald Cities Collaborative, and HR&A Advisors, R2E2 will offer guidance on energy upgrade financing models, economic inclusion, navigating the complexities of the affordable housing sector, and engaging with community-based organizations to ensure policy and program plans reflect community needs. People's Climate Innovation Center is advising R2E2 on centering equity in the project and its outcomes and on facilitating community-driven planning processes.

Meet your moderator



Alexis Washburn
Emerald Cities Collaborative

Learning objectives

- Hear from and apply lessons learned from highlighted community-driven retrofit efforts to your own context
- Discuss types of systemic, structural and historical oppression causing the need for community-driven retrofit programs
- Identify a variety of approaches & phases for establishing and growing community-driven retrofit programs
- Recognize challenges and best practices for community-driven programs and campaigns for residential retrofits in underserved, marginalized communities

Poll question for the audience



Meet your panelists

Community Development Corporation of Pembroke and Hopkins Park

Johari Cole-Kweli, President | Managing Director

Lee Ringo, Energy Efficiency Program Manager

Community Action Network

Derrick Miller, Executive Director

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PUSH Green

Luana DeJesus, Community Energy Advisor

POWER Interfaith

Amani Reid, Climate Justice Organizer

Project EMPOWER

NKwanda Jah, Chair of the Alachua County NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Committee

Community Development Corporation of Pembroke and Hopkins Park



Pembroke, Illinois

Community Action Network



Ann Arbor, Michigan

PUSH Green



Buffalo, New York

POWER Interfaith



Pennsylvania

Project EMPOWER



Alachua County, Florida

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Resources

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Thank you!

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