



WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLEAN ENERGY JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

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**Sustainable
Westchester**



WELCOME! WE'RE DELIGHTED YOU HAVE JOINED US TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GREEN WORKFORCE.

The Westchester County Office of Economic Development and Sustainable Westchester formally welcome you to our 2025 Westchester County Clean Energy Job and Resource Fair.

In January 2023, the Westchester County Office of Economic Development and Sustainable Westchester launched the Clean Energy Accelerator program, which aims to identify the needs of the local green economy, accelerate a just transition to clean energy and train the climate career workforce. As part of the Clean Energy Accelerator, a Careers Work Group was formed, which meets quarterly and connects clean energy industry employers, higher education institutions, technical trade schools, and job seekers. Their efforts will increase clean energy training opportunities based on real-world needs and pave a pathway to the local job market.

ABOUT THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Westchester County Office of Economic Development works to improve the County's economic well-being and quality of life. This includes a broad range of activities to attract, create and retain jobs, and to foster a resilient, pro-growth, and inclusive economy. For information, visit <https://westchestercatalyst.com/>.

ABOUT SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER

Sustainable Westchester delivers climate solutions to the governments, businesses, organizations, and people of Westchester County. Through its innovative programming, extensive relationships, and effective advocacy, Sustainable Westchester has been at the forefront of regional and statewide efforts to achieve a clean energy transition, conserve natural resources, promote environmental justice, and help member communities become more prosperous, healthy, resilient, and equitable. For more about the organization and its activities, please visit <https://sustainablewestchester.org/>.

RUN OF SHOW

Time	Description of Activity	Location
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Registration Begins	County Center Lobby
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Clean Energy Job And Resource Fair	Main Hall
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Resume Support	
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Welcome And Opening Remarks	
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Career Fair Networking	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Panel Discussion	
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Career Fair Networking + Refreshments	

WHY YOU SHOULD WORK IN CLEAN ENERGY

**JOIN A
GROWING
JOB SECTOR**

NYSDA

178k CLEAN ENERGY JOBS IN
NEW YORK STATE (2023)

9,943 CLEAN ENERGY JOBS IN
WESTCHESTER (2023)

**MAKE AN
IMPACT**

- ✓ REDUCE POLLUTION
- ✓ PROMOTE WELLNESS
- ✓ BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



EMPOWERING CHANGE: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO CLEAN ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES

Moderated by Sustainable Westchester, this inspiring panel brings together voices from the Energy Justice Law & Policy Center, WE ACT 4 Change, Healthy Home Academy, Brightcore Energy, and the New York Power Authority. At a time when federal progress on climate and equity can feel uncertain, these organizations are leading the charge at the local and state levels—proving that meaningful change is not only possible, but already underway. The conversation will explore how communities are transforming environmental and economic challenges into clean energy career pathways and climate solutions. Panelists will share hopeful, practical strategies for expanding access to jobs, training, and inclusive hiring—offering a powerful reminder that cross-sector collaboration is fueling a more just and sustainable future from the ground up.

MODERATOR



NOAM BRAMSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER

Prior to joining Sustainable Westchester as Executive Director in January 2024, Noam served for eighteen years as the Mayor of New Rochelle and for ten years as a member of the New Rochelle City Council.

Noam was among the founding Board Members of Sustainable Westchester, and has been at the forefront of local and regional efforts to promote forward-looking environmental action.

Noam is a life-long Westchester resident and a product of the New Rochelle public schools. He went on to Harvard University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Policy.

Noam is married to Catherine ("Catie") Stern, Ph.D., a clinical pediatric neuropsychologist, affiliated with Family Health Associates of White Plains and Manhattan. They have two sons, Jeremy and Owen.

PANELIST



DAVE MANCARI

**VICE PRESIDENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES,
BRIGHTCORE ENERGY**

As Vice President of Human Resources at Brightcore Energy, Dave leads the organizations People function as well as its Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) operations. He is responsible for developing and executing strategic initiatives that align with Brightcore's mission, vision, and values—fostering a culture that prioritizes both people and safety.

Dave plays a critical role in driving organizational success through integrated, people-centered, and safety-focused solutions that support Brightcore's growth in the clean energy sector.

PANELIST



KAELA MAINSAH

**VICE PRESIDENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE,
NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY**

Born in Zambia to parents devoted to public service, Kaela Mainsah has built her career on the same values of equity and empowerment. As Vice President of Environmental Justice at the New York Power Authority (NYPA), she brings over 15 years of experience in environmental policy and engineering management across the U.S. and U.K.

Kaela leads one of the energy industry's most innovative and award-winning Environmental Justice (EJ) programs, rooted in the principle of Being a Good Neighbor. She believes education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty, which is why educational equity is at the heart of NYPA's EJ efforts.

Under her leadership, NYPA's EJ program offers no-cost, energy-focused STEM education and career readiness programs for students in grades 3–12, covering topics like electricity, climate change, hydroponics, and environmental stewardship. Adults also benefit from energy literacy workshops on weatherization, solar power, and emergency readiness.

The EJ program also funds major community energy service projects, including initiatives with the Niagara Falls Housing Authority and the Tuscarora Elementary School, serving Indigenous students in Lewiston, NY.

Kaela holds a master's in Public Administration – Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia University (U.S.), a Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering Management from Cambridge University (U.K.), and a bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from Aston University (U.K.).

She lives in Purchase, New York with her husband and is the mother of three adult children.

PANELIST



PAUL PRESENDIEU

**POLITICAL ACTION LEAD,
WE ACT 4 CHANGE**

Paul Presendieu of New Rochelle is the Political Action Lead at WE ACT 4 Change, the 501(c)4 political arm of WE ACT for Environmental Justice. The organization advances environmental justice by giving voice to those affected by environmental hazards through direct political empowerment.

Paul also currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee's Council on the Environment and Climate Council, where he was the first New York resident democratically elected by the Democratic National Committee to support climate leadership for the national party and state parties. Paul is also in his second term as the National Environmental Caucus Chairman for the Young Democrats of America, and is the first Democrat in history to have served as the National Environmental Caucus Chairman for the Young Democrats of America and College Democrats of America. Paul proudly serves on the Adult Advisory Board for the High School Democrats of America.

Paul is an accomplished young professional, having been named to six separate 40 under 40 lists, and being recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative and Grist as one of the Top 50 Climate Leaders to Watch in the United States of America during the United Nations 79th General Assembly.

PANELIST



RAYA SALTER

**FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ENERGY JUSTICE LAW & POLICY CENTER**

Raya Salter, AKA “Climate Auntie” is an energy justice movement attorney, activist, author, and the Founder and Executive Director of the Energy Justice Law & Policy Center, based in New Rochelle, NY. EJLPC is focused on building grassroots power and youth leadership for environmental justice and community leadership for green and clean infrastructure.

Raya is a member of the New York State Climate Action Council, an adjunct professor at Cardozo Law School, and the author of "Energy Justice" (2018). She has over 15 years of energy regulatory experience both in private practice (Dewey & LeBoeuf) and for NGOs, including the NY Renews Coalition, NRDC, and the Environmental Defense Fund.

Raya has testified twice before Congress on matters of environmental justice and went viral after standing her ground against the GOP during a big oil hearing. IG: ClimateAuntie Twitter/LinkedIn: Raya Salter; www.RayaSalter.com. Wesleyan University, Fordham Law.

PANELIST



KEVIN BRENNER

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
HEALTHY HOME ACADEMY**

Kevin is the leader and CEO of the Healthy Home Academy as well as the owner and co-founder of the Academy's sister company, Healthy Home Energy and Consulting (HHE&C). He has been in the eco-building field for over thirty years. After becoming frustrated with the lack of qualified candidates in the industry he set out to correct the lack of training by creating the Healthy Home Academy. Kevin is not just our leader but a very active teacher. Besides designing the Academy curriculum, he is a hands-on instructor of virtually every class offered at the Academy.

Kevin is a BPI Building Analyst Professional, BPI Envelope Professional, BPI AC & Heat Pump Professional, BPI Heating Professional and is EPA Lead Safe Certified, RESNET Accredited HERS Rater, a NAHB Certified Green Professional, and Certified Insulation Installer. He is also NABCEB certified in PV / Solar for site, design, and installation.

Over the course of 30 years in the home-building business, Kevin fell in love with building science and the home performance world. He earned certifications from the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) and Building Performance Institute (BPI), educated himself in the latest and greatest technologies, and founded HHEC. When he isn't learning more about building science or building his own Net Zero Energy home, Kevin enjoys American History, watersports, and snowboarding. He earned a BA in Psychology from Binghamton University and a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. He can be reached at kbrenner@healthyhomeacademy.org

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