

THE CCLI NEWS Fall

2010 CCLI stands for the Climate Change Leadership Institute, a non-profit committed to climate stewardship through pollution-free-power

Lead Your Revolution for Clean Energy in America CCLI's 2010 Action Project

We know that throughout our Nation's history all the greatest transformations (from the American Revolution to the Civil Rights Movement) have started with the people. Now more than ever, given Congress' inability to pass meaningful energy and climate legislation, we the citizens of the United States must initiate and see through the clean energy revolution to ensure a sustainable and responsible future. To help kindle such a powerful and purposeful people's movement, the Climate Change Leadership Institute as its 2010 annual project developed *Lead Your Revolution* a new social networking platform encouraging personal and civic action on behalf of a clean energy future. It's a dynamic space for people to show their solidarity for the cause of pollution free power in America, and it's as simple as One, Two, Three → **(1) ACT:** start making changes in your life in support of cleaner energy (something as basic as using reusable shopping bags, biking to work once per week or as big as installing solar panels on your home or boycotting fossil fuels); **(2) PROFILE:** become a member of Lead Your Revolution and begin featuring your mini revolutions on-line at our user friendly site (by blogging, uploading photographs and announcing your related efforts and events); and, vitally, **(3) SHARE:** invite your network of friends, colleagues and associates to join and so on. Log on to *Lead Your Revolution* from www.takeresponsibility.us or <http://act.takeresponsibility.us/>, become a member of this growing network of everyday activists standing up for a brighter future...and together enact what is to become the cleanest revolution in history.



2010 Climate Courage Award

Every year CCLI gives out a *Climate Courage Award* to people who make a difference to reduce climate pollution and help our country become responsible to future generations. This year's award goes to John Fogarty, the President of New Energy Economy, and Bruce Frederick, a staff attorney for New Mexico Environmental Law Center, for their collaborative leadership and organizational efforts petitioning New Mexico's Environment Improvement Board (EIB) to cap excessive emissions of carbon dioxide from industrial plants. We commend the Environmental Law Center and New Energy Economy for standing firm, being pragmatic and working tirelessly to enact a cap on carbon emissions in the state, which will vitally help protect the public health, stimulate the clean economy and help safeguard life on earth. Given the US Senate's recalcitrance to act, more than ever we need states and citizens to step forward. CCLI stands with and applauds these two leaders for doing so. Visit www.takeresponsibility.us / *stewardship or climate courage award links* to learn more about this year's & past winners.

“New Mexico has some of the best renewable energy resources in the country, but we are falling behind other states. A cap on global warming emissions will spur the development of renewable energy industries and create new jobs locally.” - John Fogarty, Director, New Energy Economy

Seed Grants

CCLI gives out annual seed grants to encourage young people and all people to help lead our clean energy ~ climate stewardship transformation either through

Innovation Grants (encouraging new energy entrepreneurs), *Direct Action Grants* (encouraging well organized climate stewardship movements) or *Justice Grants* (supporting international communities unduly affected by our country's exorbitant greenhouse gas emissions. This year's Justice Grant recipient for instance is the Alaska Native community of Shishmaref a barrier island which is at risk of being lost as well as their way of life due to climate change. Our grant will help them in their relocation. For more information visit: www.shishmarefrelocation.com.

Education

CCLI offers *on-line curriculum resources* as well as the *Power Pledge* (encouraging personal clean energy leadership steps we all can take). We give *stewardship workshops* at high schools, community colleges and universities. This year we partnered with the Santa Fe Indian School and others to present the latest workshop called *Lead Your Revolution*. Other titles are "*The Conservation Quest: saving energy, water and America at once*" and "*A Stewardship Responsibility: taking care of our democracy and the planet.*" Go to our education section at www.takereponsibility.us to learn more about these offerings and sign up for one for your workplace, school or civic group.

Student Internships

CCLI has a student internship program to encourage young people to take the lead on solving the climate crisis and leave their mark on the clean energy revolution that's taking shape in America. For 2010 the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) hired a student named Alanna Offield from the Santa Fe Community College Sustainability Program. Alanna was instrumental in developing CCLI's 2010 Action Project called Lead Your Revolution. She was featured on two radio programs speaking on behalf of the project and the organization. She took initiative to represent the organization at relevant local events and conferences. She identified worthy seed grant recipients and helped provide clean energy and climate stewardship education at schools throughout our community. Her service and leadership this year has been much appreciated and valued.

Alanna reflects on and recounts her CCLI Internship experience below:

“Someone once said to me that the world is run by those who show up. This is evident in all facets of our society from politics to celebrity, the people with all the power are the people (good or bad) that cared enough to take a stand and be present. As a young person I was starting to feel like no one was showing up for me. None of my peers seemed to understand that we are the ones who will inherit all the problems that the older generations don’t deem important enough to solve: environmental degradation as well as social injustice. So I decided to start showing up, and my internship with the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is a step towards giving my generation its voice.

Since coming to work with the CCLI I have learned a lot, not just about environmental issues, but about organizing as an activist around these issues. I have learned that it is not easy to reach people. It is not easy to put an idea out into the world and have it materialize, but it is not impossible.

Working with the CCLI has taught me that patience and determination go a long way in activism. The revolution toward a more sustainable planet *is* coming maybe not as quickly as we need it to, but it is happening all around the world. Being a part of the CCLI is just one way to further this revolution, and I have loved being a part of it.

I think the most important thing I learned through my internship is that we cannot rely on our elected officials to bring around solid and comprehensive change to our society. We can’t sit around and wait for them to pass some law or make some decree; we have to take it upon ourselves to bring information to our community in the hopes that when armed with knowledge people will start being the change they wish to see for this planet. We need to encourage things as small as turning off the water when you brush your teeth in the hopes that someday that will turn into a house powered by solar panels. All the great revolutions have started from the people; they have all started on the ground and rose up. CCLI is a part of a larger movement of roots all aiming to grow strong, and it was a pleasure to be a part of it.”

CCLI will be hiring new student interns after Thanksgiving and so we welcome nominations from the wider community of students who have outstanding initiative and abilities to make a difference in this field. These are paid, part-time positions with flexibility (not conflicting with students’ academic and extracurricular activities). We will be calling on the CCLI alumni interns like Alanna and the others to serve as mentors to the upcoming intern(s) so this Student Leadership Development Program is as constructive and successful as possible.

For more information on CCLI’s paid student internships visit www.takeresponsibility.us.



The 3rd Annual Fund-Raiser – Lead Your Revolution Bike Event

October 24: Lead Your Revolution



Bike Event & Fundraiser
for Clean Energy in America

We are grateful to all participating in this year's Fund Raiser ~ Bike Event on behalf of Clean Energy in America. The event is being held on Sunday October 24th and cyclists depart for the long loop at 11am and for the short loop at Noon from the Tesuque Village Market with everyone gathering there afterwards for a participant luncheon at 2pm.

We want to thank the host of many local businesses and community caring sponsors who have so kindly joined us to put on this special event including *Sangre de Cristo Mountain Works, Tesuque Village Market, AMENERGY, Positive Energy, Reel Life Santa Fe Bike N' Sport, Chalmers Capitol Ford, El Toro, Dedo's Froyo, Design Warehouse, as well as Hutton Broadcasting.*

Proceeds from this and every CCLI event go directly to fulfill CCLI's volunteer mission of climate stewardship through pollution free power by helping us provide education drives, internships, seed grants, direct action projects and leadership incentives.

Contact robb@takeresponsibility.us with questions or go to www.takeresponsibility.us to download the flyer for more information on the event.

"Send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of resistance."



For more information on CCLI's endeavors visit www.takeresponsibility.us, E-mail robb@takeresponsibility.us, call 505-988-3364 or mail 911 Stagecoach Rd, SF, NM 87501

We are all integral to the clean energy & climate solution: