
KTC: What is Environmental Justice?

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KTC Zoom Edition: Discussion Ground Rules

Videos on (if possible)

Remain muted unless speaking to minimize background noise

Use the chat box or handraise button to signal that you have a question or would like to speak.

Consenting to Learn in Public (again)

Zoom is weird, and we're engaging divisive and contentious topics. We acknowledge:

- That we're all systematically taught misinformation and it will take patience and kindness to recognize and unlearn;
- That no one speaks on behalf of a whole race or gender;
- That sharing the air and deep listening is an important component of learning and justice work.

We will follow the rules and respect the diverse and beautiful ideas that flow during our time together.

Questions to Consider

What do you need from community in times of crisis?

What makes you feel safe?

Your Responses

What is *justice*?

Fairness or equality

A recognition of a past injury and past injustice

Making right a previous wrong

Backward and forwards looking

Reconciliation

Admitting there was a wrong and moving toward a reconciled present.

Equity: taking into account the past, uneven playing field.

Incredibly contextual: means different things in different locations.

When injured party feels that justice has been righted. Justice is in the purview of power.

Your Responses

What is *environmental* justice?

Taking care of the earth, trying to reduce wastefulness

Environmental laws and who they benefit/affect

Uneven weight of “performing” environmentalism across race/gender

Uneven distribution of environmental impacts of industrialization and resources

When environments are unsafe then justice needs to encompass this.

Personal AND structural, encompassing of all scales of living and being.

Anthropocentric impacts on a global ecology.

Ways to Help

Write letters to people held in immigrant detention centers:

<https://www.detaineeallies.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Letter-Writing-Event-Printable.pdf>

Roll burritos Saturday at 12 PM at Kakao

Make an extra meal each week for a family at Compass House

Donate to Navajo Nation:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/24/842945050/navajo-nation-sees-high-rate-of-covid-19-and-contact-tracing-is-a-challenge>
