Collective Justice is an activist zine out of Lexington, KY. This zine works to keep the Lexington Community (and hopefully beyond) up to date on what organizing work is being done around town. I hope for it to work as a monthly newsletter so people can know what is going on, how to get involved, what events you can attend, and how we can collectively create a just community!

I started this zine because I wanted to bring light to how many rad groups there are in Lexington that are doing really important work. I also thought it would be useful to have info on a bunch of groups all in one place so it would be easier for people to keep up with. I hope you find this lil book helpful!

Quick note about the zine:

I wanted all the groups to be portrayed in the most accurate way possible so I had them send in answers to some questions that I had for them. Other than some small editing, the information you are receiving comes directly from each group. This ensures that all groups are being portrayed how THEY want to be portrayed.

Thanks to all the groups who are in this zine for the work you have put into this zine and for the work you do for the community!

Lastly, if you have any questions, want to get involved with the zine, or know of/are a part of a cool group in the Lexington area that you would like to see in a future issue, please let me know!

You can get in contact me by emailing:

kasm233@l.uky.edu

Thank you!!

Sincerely,

Katherine Smith
One way that YOU can get involved is by calling into the Mayor's office and/or contacting your city council member.

You can get in contact with the Mayor's office at: 859-258-3100

You can find your individual city council member for your district through the website:

https://www.lexingtonky.gov/browse/government/council

(It would be most helpful to call your city council member but calling either one would be appreciated ;)

All Power To The People!

Take Back Cheapside is a movement which is a coalition of members from other organizations focusing to remove the Confederate statues in Lexington. Demaurio Thomas is the head organizer for the movement as well as a musician, radio producer and as of recently, one of the new organizer apprentices with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

Cheapside was home to a slave market and a lot of the history of the space, people either don't know, or are misinformed about one aspect of it. Cheapside was not a space to buy "cheap" slaves and the statues of John C. Breckinridge (erected in 1887) and John Hunt Morgan (erected in 1911) were placed there as a misrepresentation of the history of that space.

The Take Back Cheapside has a three point plan:

1. To remove the statues
2. To bring back the plaque that was removed that told the history of Cheapside as a slave market.
3. To open up a dialogue to make sure the space inclusive for all people.

While Take Back Cheapside doesn't have any planned events coming up in the near future they are continuously looking for folks interested in supporting the campaign. The organization will be doing some tabling events in Lexington to continue the conversation and bring more awareness to the campaign.

If you are interested in staying up to date on what the campaign is working on / doing you can check out their Facebook page or stay updated through their website.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/takebackcheapside
website: www.takebackcheapside.com

If you want to get in direct contact with the campaign you can get in contact through their email or by leaving a comment on the website or Facebook page.

email: takebackcheapside@gmail.com
Kentucky Health

Mission: Kentucky Health Justice Network builds the power of Kentuckians to achieve reproductive justice. K.H.J.N. supports this mission through direct support, education, and outreach.

Vision: All Kentuckians are empowered to make decisions about their bodies, their lives, and their reproductive health free from barriers, stigma, and oppression.

In practice this means providing practical support for Kentuckians trying to access abortion, including financial support, transportation, and case management.

It means creating space for communities to come together at our queer craft nights, sharing knowledge about how to navigate insurance and how to advocate for yourself in healthcare settings and more.

It also means supporting and empowering trans Kentuckians to make decisions about their healthcare. We do this by providing resources and advocacy through our Trans Health Advocacy Program.

The trans health advocacy program pairs a trans/GNC person who requests support with an advocate who has gone through our training to be a support person or a buffer through seeking health services. An advocate might accompany a trans patient to their appointment and ensure providers are using their correct pronouns and names, ensure the patient’s health needs are met with sensitivity and competency, or talk with a trans patient over the phone to deconstruct after a hard healthcare experience. This program aspires to adapt and improve upon the model started with the Trans Fuddy program in Nashville, TN. The program will also put a greater focus on the intersectional barriers people face when accessing healthcare, such as structural and interpersonal racism, classism, ableism, and sexism.

Justice Network

Trans Health Advocates
To request an advocate, fill out the confidential form on their website, call 502-694-2227, or email transhealth@khjn.org.

Practical Support Abortion Fund
If you need help paying for an abortion, getting to your appointment, or finding an interpreter, contact the K.H.J.N. You can also contact if you need more info about pregnancy options, clinics, or counseling. Call 1-855-576-4576.

You can leave a message in any language. Please let them know if it's safe to call back leave a message and what the best time to call back is. Calls will be returned within 24 hours.

Si necesitas ayuda para pagar por un aborto, para llegar a tu cita o para encontrar a un/a intérprete, contactanos. También puedes contactarnos si necesitas más información sobre los opciones para tu embarazo, clinicas, o consejería. Llame al 1-855-576-4576. Es gratis llamar. Puedes dejar un mensaje en español. Díganos si es seguro dejarle un mensaje, y cuando es la mejor hora para llamarle. Te regresamos el mensaje dentro de 24 horas.

The Kentucky Health Justice Network is currently working on expanding their reach through the state, particularly with their Eastern KY Reproductive Freedom Project.

Upcoming events:

Karaoke Night with Lady Exxxxx Parts Justice League, Flamed Parenthood, and the ASU of KY.
6pm-9pm at The Highlands Tap Room in Louisville, KY

Website: www.KentuckyHealthJusticeNetwork.org

You can get involved by:
fill out the contact form located on their website
or email them:
info@khjn.org
Kentucky Student Environmental Coalition

Upcoming events:

- August 5th-6th: KSEC 10th anniversary celebration in Red River Gorge.
- A panel discussion with Take Me Back Chesapeake to explore how racial and environmental issues are connected by the same oppressive power structures and how imperative for these movements to stand in solidarity.
- Annual Fall Summit in October (dates TBA)
- November 5th-6th: two-day Solution Summit in Eastern KY

Now you can get involved:

- Keep in touch! Follow KSEC through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. Also sign up for their twice-monthly newsletter to keep up with ways to get involved, from rallies to citizen lobby days!
- Come to our Fall Summit! Or our Spring Summit! Or Catalyst 2018!

How to get in contact:

Kystudentenvironmentalcoalition.org
Check out the website to learn more about their work, read their blog, listen to their podcast and learn how to get involved.

Reach out to:
Allison Crawford at allisoncrawford221@gmail.com
Cara Cooper at ksec.cara@seac.org

to learn more about ways to plug in with KSEC and build a brighter tomorrow!

Kentucky Student Environmental Coalition

KSEC is a network of young Kentuckians aged 15 through 35 who work to empower our peers to take action for a just and environmentally sustainable Commonwealth. KSEC envisions a Kentucky where young folks feel that they can stay and thrive after graduation rather than feeling the need to escape to find the life they want and need. KSEC’s strategic objective is, “We will unite & uplift our voices & resist all threats to the integrity of our environment & communities. We will no longer be ignored.”

KSEC has a lot going on, all the time. Here are highlights:

Catalyst, their summer training camp for aspiring organizers & activists, brings together a group of peer trainers to facilitate a transformational week of leadership development in combination with grassroots organizing skills & anti-oppression. Catalyst builds deep relationships & instills the confidence needed to ensure that our generation is no longer ignored.

The Political Working Group (PWG) is owning the resist portion of our strategic objective and will be launching a political education tour across several counties, engaging our members in advocating for progressive candidates & blocking harmful legislation by hosting trainings on direct action tactics & mobilizing members across the state to engage.

KSEC’s State Network, composed of delegations from campus environmental groups & affiliated with KSEC, and three working groups. This network works to unite the movement across campuses, educate new members on existing & emerging environmental & justice threats, & to mobilize people to plug into key moments & actions.

The Local Food Working Group (IFW) focuses on education & advocacy around local food.

The just transition working group (JTWG) is most active in the coal-impacted regions of KY where KSEC is working to uplift the voice of young Kentuckians in the conversation around a just transition to an economy that’s good for our workers, communities, & environment. The JTWG is in the middle of its solution tour, an effort to educate young Kentuckians on the ways we could go about economic transition, and solutions that are already being implemented to address unemployment spikes, as well as to gather input from you about what kind of economy youth want.

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Believing in Forever

Believing in Forever is a youth nonprofit which was founded and is directed by Devine Carasa. Devine's mission is to leave behind a legacy through our youth. A legacy is not defined by what we collect while we are here, but what we leave behind.

Currently Believing in Forever is facilitating a Sons of Single Mothers Mentoring Day and fundraising/preparing for their A Coat to Keep the Cold Away youth coat drive which will be happening this Fall.

Devine Carasa is hosting an all inclusive OPEN MIC at the plantary called "Community Expressions".

It will be a monthly event with all the proceeds going to Believing in Forever Inc.

Upcoming Events:

The next set will be Friday, August 11th. Come out to participate in the open mic and support Believing in Forever's mission.

You can get in contact with Believing in Forever by contacting Devine Carasa at:

Email: believinginforever@gmail.com
Phone: 859-303-2637
Website: http://www.believinginforever.com
Kentucky Workers League

Kentucky Workers League is a non-sectarian socialist organization based in Lexington, KY.

KWL's mission is to fight the power and serve the people.

KWL develops projects and campaigns both in accordance with their values and that serve the interests of the working class of Kentucky. "Organizing the Unorganized" is an essential part of KWL's mission to serve the people; they regularly lead educational programs, host community organizing trainings, offer aid and support for tenants dealing with unjust landlords, and much more. KWL believes that the fundamental force for change is the bringing together of our community members in solidarity with one another.

KWL's long-term strategy is to work with similar collectives across the United States to build a new Socialist Party: a political coalition that empowers the working class, opposes discrimination against historically marginalized communities, and advocates for industrial democracy and economic cooperation.

Upcoming Events:

- Film Series and Panel: Blood on the Mountain. Monday, July 31st, 7pm. Al's Bar, 601 N. Limestone.
- New Member Meeting. Wednesday, August 2nd, 7pm. Central Public Library, 140 E. Main Street.
- Lady Arm Wrestling Fundraiser. Friday, September 15th, 7pm. Al's Bar, 601 N. Limestone.

Contact:

kentuckyworkersleague@gmail.com
Like and follow on Facebook!
Upcoming events:

All upcoming events can be found on SURJ's Facebook page.

You can find SURJ on FB at Central Kentucky Showing Up for Racial Justice

www.facebook.com/ckysurj/

How to get involved:

Getting involved is as easy as showing up to SURJ's monthly chapter meetings.

Monthly chapter meetings happen every second Tuesday at
Wild Pig Books & Coffee at 6pm.

Wild Pig Books & Coffee is located at:
726 N Limestone, Lexington, KY, 40508

Showing up for Racial Justice

The Central Kentucky SURJ chapter exists as a group of white people educating other white people on matters of racial justice.

Currently, SURJ is restructuring the entire organization to follow an AG model, as well as book clubs, film screenings, and a workshop for parents who want to talk to their kids about race and more.

To find out more about the SURJ organization check out the website:

http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/organize