

CREWS CONVENING AGENDA

October 23-25, 2018

Renaissance Hotel - Atlanta, GA

DAY 1 - TUESDAY October 23, 2018

12:00 - 1:00pm **Arrival at Renaissance Hotel**

1:00 - 1:30pm **Welcome Lunch**

[Lois DeBacker](#), The Kresge Foundation

1:30 - 1:50pm **Opening Plenary: Keynote Address**

[Dwayne Patterson](#), Partnership for Southern Equity (confirmed)

1:50 - 2:30pm **Opening Plenary: Interactive Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion featuring practitioner representatives from a variety of sectors across the City of Atlanta exploring the intersections of climate resilience and historic inequities.

Moderated by Lois DeBacker, The Kresge Foundation

[Dwayne Patterson](#), Partnership for Southern Equity (confirmed)

[Na'Taki Osborne-Jelks](#), West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (confirmed)

[Jenny Hoffner](#), American Rivers (confirmed)

[Amol Naik](#), City of Atlanta Office of Resilience (confirmed)

[Todd Hill](#), Atlanta Division of Watershed Management (confirmed)

2:30 - 2:45pm **BREAK**

2:45 - 3:45pm **Foundational Learning: Tools to Build the Case (Metrics)**

Hear concrete examples and real-time stories from three CREWS practitioners who are developing and using metrics to capture data that will inform how equity becomes normalized, operationalized, and institutionalized.

[Rowan Schmidt](#), Earth Economics (confirmed)

[Kalima Rose](#), PolicyLink (confirmed)

[Nicole Silk](#), River Network (confirmed)

3:45 - 4:00pm **BREAK**

4:00 - 5:00pm **Foundational Learning: Climate Science**

This panel of climate scientists will translate the latest climate science data and trends into clear and simple concepts. Build your base of knowledge to inform your team's decision-making and advocacy strategies to advance equity and justice into your climate resilience and waters work.

[Dr. Astrid Caldas](#), Union of Concerned Scientists (confirmed)

[Dr. George Luber](#), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (confirmed)

[Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome](#), The Kresge Foundation (confirmed)

- 5:00 - 5:15pm **Formation of Peer Circles**
- 5:15 - 6:00pm **BREAK**
- 6:00 - 6:15pm **Departure for Dinner - [National Center for Civil and Human Rights](#)**
- 6:45 - 8:30pm **Opening Reception, Dinner, Community Building**
- 8:30 - 8:45pm **Return to Renaissance Hotel**

DAY 2 - October 24, 2018

- 6:30 - 8:00am **Breakfast**
Guided Gentle Morning Yoga - Wellness Room (optional)
- 7:00 - 8:00am Breakfast Conversation - Finance - Kim Dempsey, Kresge Foundation (optional)
- 8:00 - 8:15am **BREAK**
- 8:15 - 8:45am **Opening, Framing for Day 2**
- 8:45 - 9:45am **Foundational Learning: Community Engagement + Racial Equity**
We will have three CREWS grantees representing grassroots NGOs who frame their organization's climate resilience and equitable waters agenda in response to their local stakeholders' sense of priorities, opportunities, and needs on the ground.
- [Adam Gordon](#), Fair Share Housing Corporation (confirmed)
[Nsombi Lambright](#), OneVoice (confirmed)
[Dr. Beverly Wright](#), Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (confirmed)
- 10:00 - 10:15am **BREAK/Room Transition**

- 10:15 - 11:45am **Peer Circles: What Does “Getting to Success” Look Like?**
Everyone in this space is an expert, and everyone has something to learn. In this session, attendees will break into pairs and small groups by topic area, with each person having the opportunity to receive support and offer support as they so choose.
- 11:45 - 12:15pm **Transition**
- 12:15 - 1:00pm **Travel to Service Project Sites**
All participants will have the opportunity to actively engage with an Atlanta-based community service project. There will be three (3) service sites where we will learn about critical resilience issues and how communities are responding. PLEASE NOTE: 1) Everyone is expected to participate. Inclusive accommodations have been arranged. 2) Bring clothes/shoes that can get dirty. 3) Bring layers of clothing. 4) Sign-ups will take place at the hotel. There will be a cap on the number of people per site. 5) Bring excitement! This will be fun and educational.
- 1:00 - 3:30pm **Service Project Work**
- West Atlanta Watershed Alliance Activity Center
Hosted by [Darryl Haddock](#), WAWA
- Four Corners Community Park and Center
Hosted by [Dr. Yomi Noibi](#), ECO-Action
- Finding the Flint and Metro Atlanta Urban Farm
Hosted by [Hannah Palmer](#), Finding the Flint
- 3:30 - 5:00pm **Travel to Renaissance Hotel**
- 5:00 - 6:30pm **On Your Own**
- 6:30 - 7:25pm **Rooftop Cocktail Reception**
- 7:30 - 9:00pm **Dinner in the Ballroom**

DAY 3 - October 25, 2018

- 6:30 - 8:00am **Breakfast**
- 8:00 - 8:15am **BREAK**

- 8:15 - 8:45am **Opening, Framing for Day 3**
- 8:45 - 11:15am **Foundational Learning - Storytelling**
This customized, hands-on strategic storytelling training will be interactive and participatory in nature, allowing attendees to walk away with tangible knowledge and resources to develop a more effective culture of storytelling among their teams and constituents.
- [John Trybus](#), Center for Social Impact Communication, Georgetown University (confirmed)
- 11:15 - 11:30am **BREAK**
- 11:30 - 12:30pm **Peer Circles: Reconvene + Commitment to Action**
With these three transformative days now concluding, this time will be used to commune with your peers to process major insights, discern your takeaways, and identify key next steps you'll take when you're back at your desk.
- 12:30 - 12:45pm **Next Steps, Closing Remarks**
- [Arabella Advisors](#)
[Ari Simon](#), The Kresge Foundation (confirmed)
[Jalonne White-Newsome](#), The Kresge Foundation (confirmed)
- 12:45 - 1:00pm **Transition, Sending-Off**
Grab a boxed lunch, available in the lobby
Find your bus bound for Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport