

Unpacking the EcoRise Journey: From Environmental Education to Environmental Justice



NAAEE Webinar January 2022

Introductions



Zakhia Grant
Program Manager



Kizzy Hannibal
Co-Founder and
Program Manager



Abby Randall
Deputy Director



Objectives

01 Share history, best practices, and challenges from EcoRise's journey of working towards becoming an anti-racist organization.

02 Provide an overview of EcoRise's Environmental Justice curriculum and how it relates their equity journey.

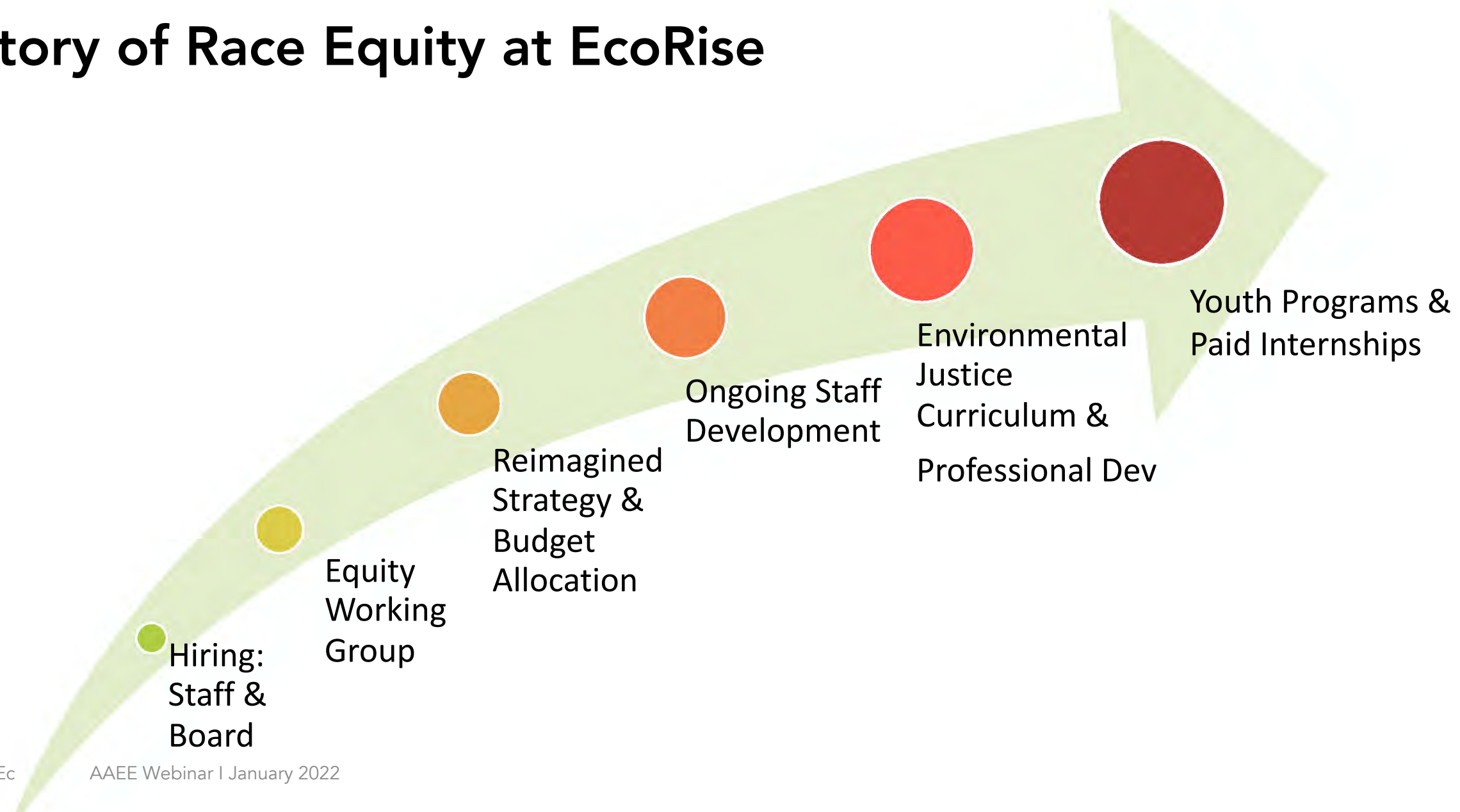




EcoRise mobilizes a new generation of leaders to design healthy, just, and thriving communities for all.

We work at the intersection of sustainability education, climate resilience, and environmental justice by elevating youth voices and advancing student-led solutions to real-world challenges.

History of Race Equity at EcoRise



Hiring:
Staff &
Board

Equity
Working
Group

Reimagined
Strategy &
Budget
Allocation

Ongoing Staff
Development

Environmental
Justice
Curriculum &
Professional Dev

Youth Programs &
Paid Internships

Impact

Black Lives Matter

Dear EcoRise Community,

We are devastated by the murders of Tony McDade, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the countless others who were victims of racist police brutality before them. Over the last week, we have witnessed a national response to systemic racism and racial violence, and we want to be clear that **we stand in solidarity with Black Americans.**

Environmental Justice Curriculum



Elementary

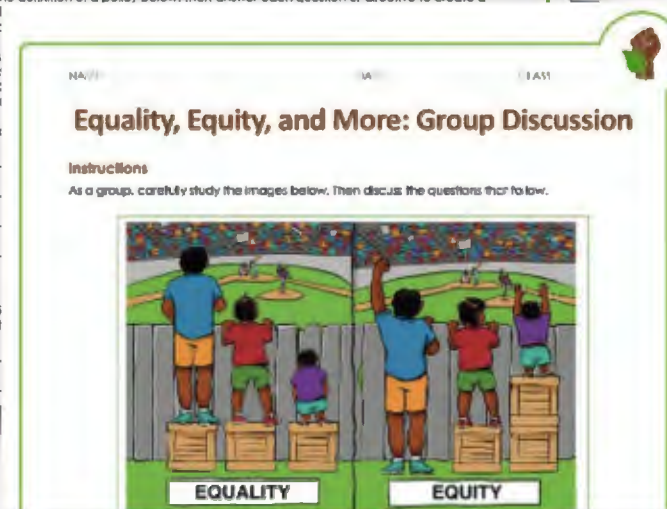
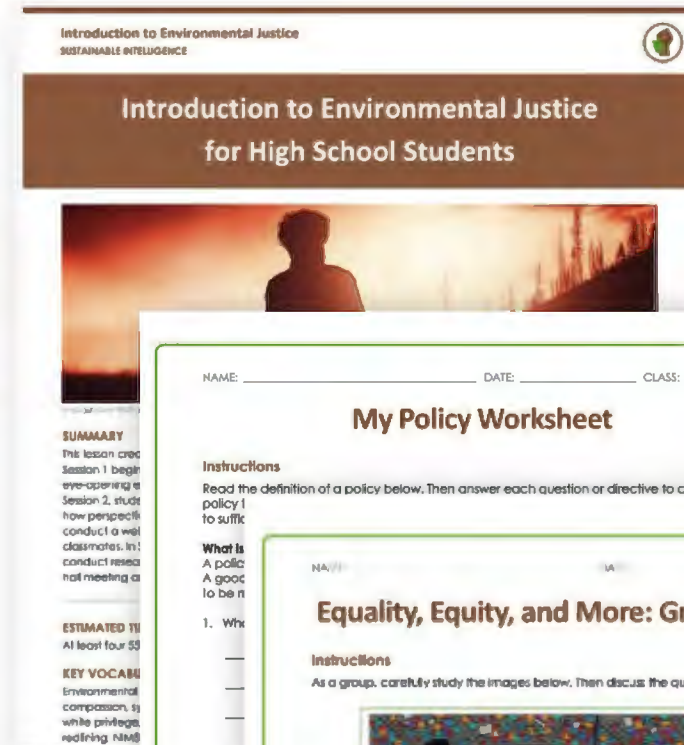
- Actions & Behaviors
- Role Models

Middle School

- Resource Allocation
- Community Action

High School

- Town Hall Scenarios
- Policy & Regulations



Preparing Your Mindset

Who am I? What has informed my experiences and why does this work matter to me?



Professional Development



Just and Unjust Discussion Cards



Environmental Justice Heroes



It's a Journey





Community Agreements

We are committed to –

Creating and maintaining a culture where equity, curiosity, vulnerability, and growth are fostered.

Challenging ourselves and others to exist in the space of discomfort in order to be openly authentic, uncover our biases and to give and receive feedback.

Questions?





“If we strive to eliminate racism and classism, as well as pollution and environmental degradation, then we are doing what we can to make sure communities are sustainable and livable. It takes a lot of work; it’s not a sprint. But it’s achievable if we view it as important.”

-Robert Bullard

Thank you!

Contact Info:

Kizzy: kizzy@ecorise.org

Zakhia: zakhia@ecorise.org

Abby: abby@ecorise.org

