Everybody Loves Solar: Planning a Solar Festival in Coal Country

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- Formed as the "Tri-State Citizens Mining Network" in 1994 by a coalition of grassroots groups/individuals
- Motivated by concerns about the impacts coal mining has on communities and the environment
- Reincorporated as the Center for Coalfield Justice in 2007
- Mission has since expanded to work on social justice in the coalfields
- We currently have 8 full-time staff and more than 2,000 members and supporters



OUR MISSION

To improve policy and regulations for the oversight of fossil fuel extraction and use; to educate, empower and organize coalfield residents; and to protect public and environmental health.





What do coalfield residents know about renewable energy?

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What do coalfield residents need in order to make investing in renewables on a broad scale viable?





Last September, over 200 people turned out for the first annual Greene County Solar Festival, organized by the Center for Coalfield Justice in partnership with Solar United Neighbors. Attendees connected with solar installers, learned how to get involved with solar advocacy, and even took a few test drives in a Tesla!

Learn what it takes to plan a solar festival and bring new voices into the solar movement.

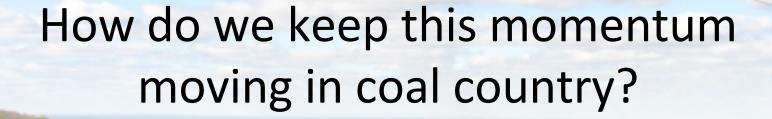
The goal of the festival was to show how solar power can save families money, grow our economy, and provide secure, reliable electricity without relying on large utilities.



There were four presentations including: Paths to Deep Reductions in Home Energy Use, Go Solar and Fight for Your Energy Rights, Ask a Solar Homeowner Anything, and Launching Your Solar Career. Panelists included Linda Wigington of ROCIS and 1000 Home Challenge and Henry McKay of Solar United Neighbors. Check out their website to learn about solar co-ops!







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