



האגודה לצדק סביבתי בישראל
المنظمة للعدل البيئي
Association of Environmental
Justice in Israel (AEJI)

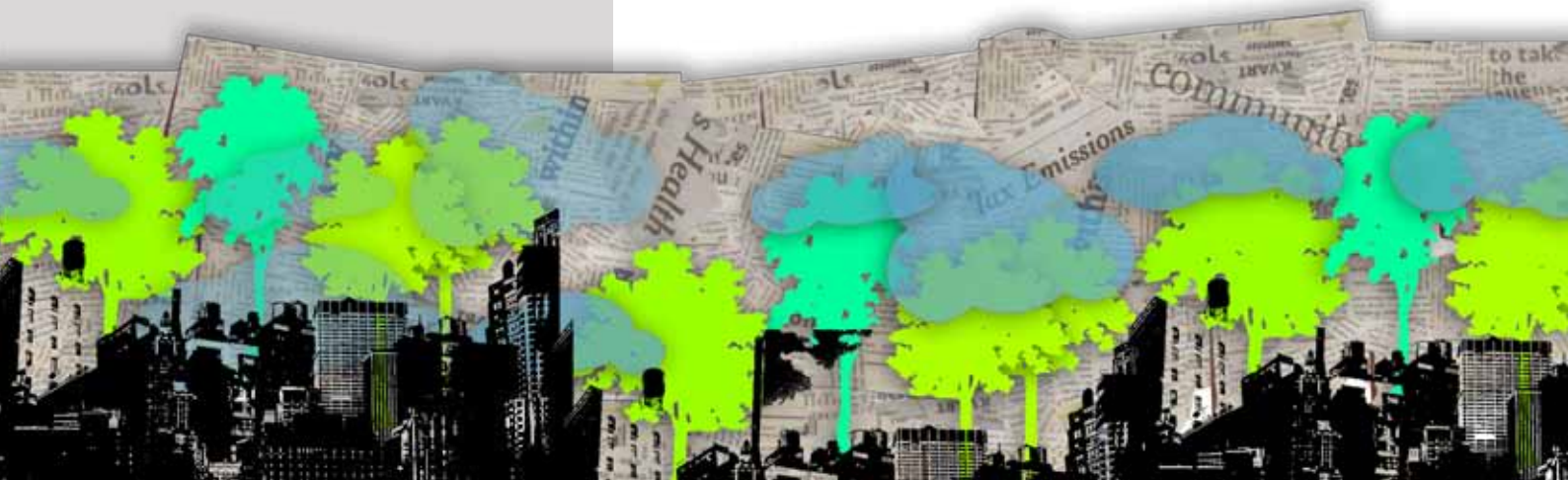
The Association of Environmental Justice in Israel (AEJI) is a non-partisan, independent body, established in 2009, focusing on basic issues of **environmental justice and distributional inequality** in geographic shared space. It focuses on the inter-connectedness of society, environment and the decision-making framework in Israel to produce policy recommendations that are real and acceptable while promoting the strengthening of democracy, equality and environmental justice values. It also aims to promote active deliberated civic participation, especially of minorities and residents of the social periphery.

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ?

Definition by EPA, USA 1994

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including a racial, ethnic, or a socioeconomic group, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies. Meaningful involvement means that:

- Potentially affected community residents have an appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions about a proposed activity that will affect their environment and/or health
- The public's contribution can influence the regulatory agency's decision
- The concerns of all participants involved will be considered in the decision making process
- The decision makers seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected. In sum, environmental justice is the goal to be achieved for all communities and persons across all nations. Environmental justice is achieved when everyone, regardless of race, culture, or income, enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.



WHAT WE DO

RESOURCES & INFORMATION CENTER

Data collection and analysis in the fields of Inequality in civic infrastructure, Health and environment, distribution & ownership of natural resources.

2013-2014 PROJECTS

- Mapping of environmental risks in shared geographic space

RESEARCH & POLICY

Initiation of research and working papers that attempt to elucidate the core issues of society, environment and the decision-making framework and develop acceptable solutions.

Development of policy tools that promote a policy based on the values of democracy, equality and environmental justice.

2013-2014 PROJECTS

- Climate Justice and economy policy research aimed to portrait the social-economic profile of CO2 emission in the context of the Israeli society. The first position paper is on our web site. In 2013 we will publish 3 new reports on climate justice, food consumption patterns and economic tools as carbon tax.
- Environmental inequality indicators developing indicators on fields of air pollution, sewage, water quality, public transportation, open space for comparing the quality of the environment in 200 municipalities (Jewish and Arab).

FIELD WORK

Increasing civic participation in matters of environmental justice and decision-making processes regarding environment and society, as well as empowering civil society especially among vulnerable groups such as minorities and residents of the periphery.

2013-2014 PROJECTS

- Community project of “Green Vision and Sustainability in Arab towns and villages at the Southern Triangle region” aimed to establish local teams to lead social-environmental responsibility via diverse programs in cooperation with local institutions as municipalities, community centers, schools.
- Sustainable development and landscaping the neglected open space with participation of local citizens aimed to reduce the phenomena of pirate waste dumping sites in the social periphery, and lead sustainable use of the open space for recreation & outsidess activities.

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