



EXTREME ENERGY EXTRACTION COLLABORATIVE

The Extreme Energy Extraction Collaborative (E3C) is a grassroots-led space in which geographically diverse groups fighting a range of extractive industries develop deep relationships and shared language, connecting and strengthening our local work and collective voice.

E3C Summits bring together a diverse group of organizers and advocates to share stories, analysis and strategies, build individual and institutional relationships, develop collaborative projects, and protect communities from dirty energy development and infrastructure.

Our approach is rooted in the belief that changes in the daily practice and culture of advocates and organizers are key to a more unified and effective movement for climate and environmental justice.

"ATTENDING THE EXTREME ENERGY EXTRACTION COLLABORATIVE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST INFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE. THE WORK OF E3C HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO OUR ORGANIZING IN UNIONTOWN, ALABAMA AND BEYOND.

**- ADAM JOHNSTON
BLACK BELT CITIZENS FIGHTING FOR HEALTH AND JUSTICE**



OUR UNIQUE HISTORY

SINCE 2012, E3C HAS ENGAGED OVER 400 ORGANIZERS, FUNDERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEARLY 200 ORGANIZATIONS FROM 42 STATES IN THE US, AS WELL AS CANADA.



E3C participants are building community-based, nationally-networked solutions to ecological and social crises being driven by extreme energy. The Collaborative's uniqueness stems from its diversity across ages, ethnicities, and sectors within the environmental movement, **with powerful leadership coming from Black, Brown, Indigenous, and young people.** Participants come from across North America, represent all regions where extreme energy extraction, transport, and processing is taking place, and represent a wide range of environmental and social justice movements fighting some aspect of extraction.

We rely on an emergent agenda design, in which pre-planned agendas are seen as jumping-off points, and Summit participants guide the pace and direction of group discussion depending on what's most needed. Emergent design allows us to take advantage of the different areas of expertise present, and address unforeseen needs that may have emerged in the days before the Summit. It also supports a safe space for conflict resolution and relationship-building.

Each Summit is hosted by a different frontline community organization. In visiting frontline communities, E3C participants can amplify local resistance to extreme energy, and increase the capacity of the host organization. Additionally, the host organization facilitates a "frontline tour," where participants travel across a region to witness local struggles.

The E3C has established clear norms and expectations of participants, which ensures participants build trust and bring their full selves to the Summits.

"THE E3C HAS PROVIDED A PLATFORM FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FRACKING, AND THAT WE CAN EDUCATE OURSELVES TO NOT ONLY FIGHT TO STOP IT, BUT TO TRANSITION TO AN ECONOMY THAT DOESN'T POISON THE SOIL, AIR AND WATER, AND INSTEAD LEADS US TO TRUE SOVEREIGNTY."

– KANDI WHITE,
INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

PROJECTS AND VICTORIES THUS FAR:

With a focus on relationship building, E3C has become a critical incubator for grassroots-led advocacy campaigns across North America. Select projects that have been incubated out of work done through the E3C include, but are not limited to:

Expanding relationships between grassroots groups and national organizations:

Traditionally, national organizations have been disconnected from the realities on the ground experienced by grassroots organizations. E3C has helped cultivate strong relationships between these groups, supporting efforts towards collaboration, trust and transparency.

Launching Fearless Summer, a national campaign to confront the fossil fuel industry that was led by dozens of frontline groups.

Providing discussion space for Standing Rock Resistance - initial conversations on confronting the Dakota Access Pipeline took place at the E3C meeting in North Dakota, and seeds were planted for what became the longest and most visible struggle in recent times connecting indigenous power, social justice and anti-extraction climate justice.

Facilitating Frontline-to-Frontline Exchanges - E3C has been critical in introducing organizers across the country to each others' fights, making connections between those fighting mountaintop removal and those fighting fracking, for example, as well as solidarity support for victims of hurricanes and other climate and toxics disasters.

Serving as a venue for some of the first conversations around the Peoples Climate March, which took place in New York City in 2014.

Supporting the growth of organizations and campaigns, including the FANG Collective in Rhode Island, Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health and Justice in Alabama, Gulf South Rising across the Gulf Coast region, and Headwaters Defense in West Virginia.



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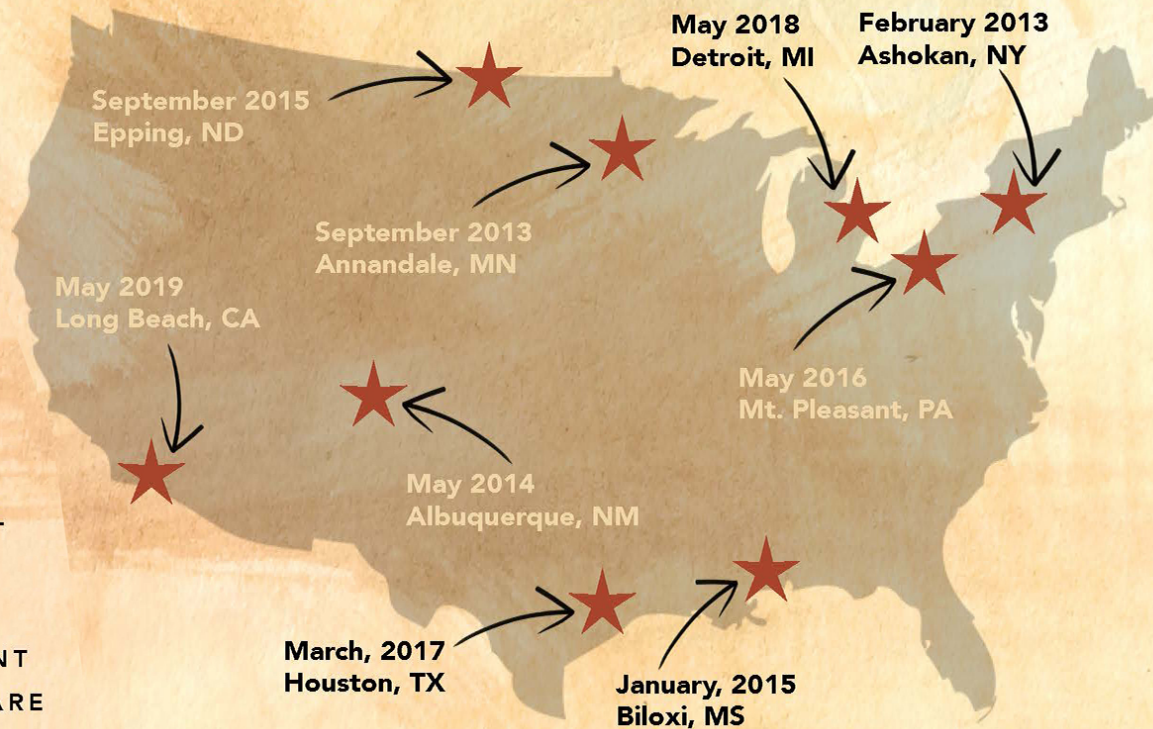
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"THE E3C IS ONE OF THE FEW SPACES THAT I'VE BEEN IN THAT IS REAL ABOUT EXAMINING ISSUES OF RACE AND NOT ATTEMPTING TO BRUSH THEM UNDER THE RUG. WE NEED MORE MOVEMENT SPACES LIKE THIS IF WE ARE GOING TO WIN."

- AHMINA MAXEY
GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR
INCINERATOR ALTERNATIVES



"I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO MY JOB WITHOUT THE E3C. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO I AM ACCOUNTABLE TO IN MY WORK FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE."

- ROB FRIEDMAN,
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

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