

These are the updates from Swat C4 for the next two weeks. If you have an event or update that people within C4 should know about please submit a form or email the names listed on the bottom of the page. Thank you for your help and action!



SWAT C4 NEWSLETTER

December 2024



12/3 EJ CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Professor Di Chiro’s ENVS 35 class presented on their research-action projects in partnership with CRCQL, GEC, and Philly Thrive. Projects included a Choice’s tour, Hydrogen Hub research, a healing circle, solar labs, and educational pamphlets




12/4 CHOICES ZOOM

Choices and C4 met to discuss training and plans for next semester!

CHESTER & CRCQL


Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL or “circle”) is a grassroots community-led organization leading the environmental justice movement for clean air and healthy communities in Chester City and Delaware County, since 1992.

Chester City, PA, hosts the largest incinerator in the nation. Chester’s youth asthma rate is 5x the national average. Yet, the incinerator is attracting more and more hazardous facilities to Chester community.




ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM

Environmental racism is a form of systemic racism that occurs when environmental policies disproportionately affect marginalized communities of color. Consisting of majority African American population, Chester is a textbook example of environmental racism.



WHY CHOICES



“The Climate Clock speeds up as we incinerate more. There is no turning back once the clock passes its threshold. It is not really the people but the big companies that do not care about the people or the weather. It makes me sick. I want to ask them: for what cause?”

You should join Choices because our efforts can reverse what is happening to the world right now. It will make our environment better, our community better, and stop the extinction of animals.

Choices impact the Chester community by making the neighborhoods cleaner and healthier. It can make a real difference in the broader environmental justice movement.”

HEAR FROM OUR YOUTH LEADERS

TERREONA ADGER
“Choices changed my way of thinking about the environment. At first, I didn’t know what the incinerator was doing or that it was so close to where I lived. The school doesn’t really teach you and just talks about how it is perfect when people are suffering with their health because of the incinerator.”

ADRIEL JOHNSON
“I want to let the people know about what they are trying to do to Chester, putting the incinerator and incinerating trash into our city, making us sick. And through this, we can protest to shut it down and help our community.”

ZAKIYA MARSHALL
“When I first joined Choices, it was a whole rollercoaster. In it, I was changed and educated about how our environment is to this day. It is time to recognize what is happening to our community. Our community will get cleaner and live longer.”

12/9 C4 GAME NIGHT!

C4 ended the semester with a celebration featuring presentations, thank yous, Duo Tacos, a name game, a Kahoot (Kayla won), and some Just Dance!

12/4 EJ CAREER PANEL

The LCAs hosted a panel featuring an artist, public housing organizer, and sustainable fashion designer to display the diversity of futures available in environmental justice!



12/10 GEC @ STEM ACADEMY

GEC members led a session in college readiness, post-grad options, the CommonApp, communal living, and how to incorporate a Climate Action Plan in present and future endeavors

12/11 MACH2 WEBINAR

The Delaware River Keepers hosted an important info session on MACH2 developments.

SAVE THE DATE: 12/21 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION @ VITTLES

CRCQL & CHOICES

HOLIDAY GATHERING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
2PM - 6PM
VITTLES FOOD HALL
801 SPROUL ST. CHESTER

Join us for a holiday gathering to celebrate our work this year and plan for 2025! Food, beverage and cheer will be provided.

All are welcome!
RSVP by call/text to 484-402-7530.

SAVE THE DATE: 5/3 EJ MARCH

Join us for the fifth annual EJ March to raise awareness of environmental injustice! Bring your friends and voices. Transportation and food provided



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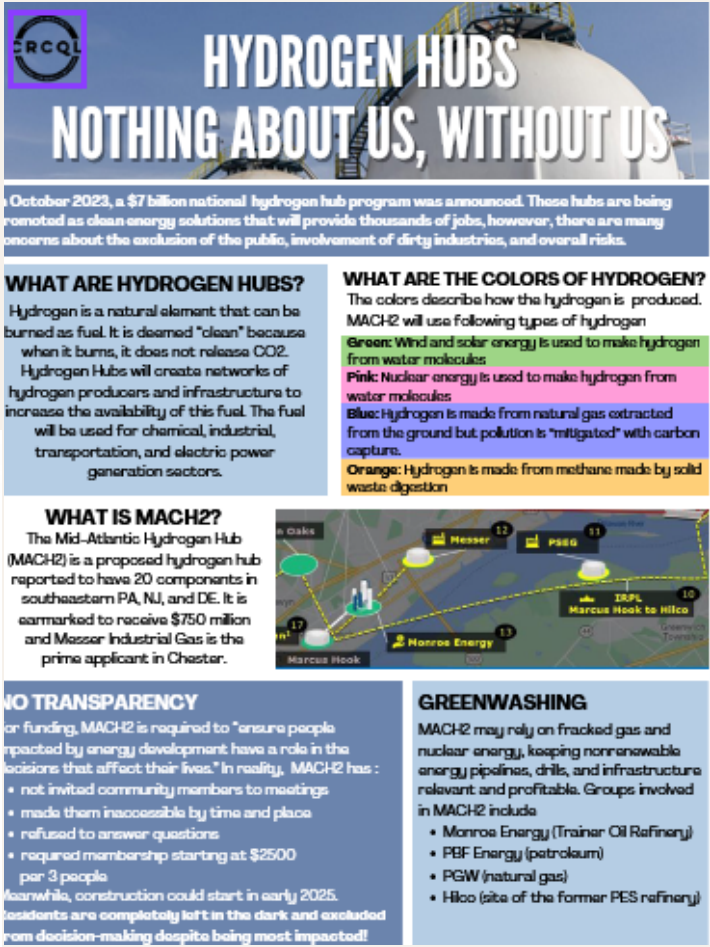
DIRECT ACTION

RESEARCH

C4 tabled for CRCQL, attended public meetings, hosted tours, engaged Choices, and led educational sessions



C4 researched toxic flooding, local boards, and Hydrogen Hubs



OUTREACH

SOCIAL MEDIA

C4 has been organizing its campaign against Covanta's greenwashing! Be on the lookout for more posts @chester.c4



C4 connected with Widener and a highschool student from West Chester

WHAT TO DO IF YOU CAN'T MAKE C4 MEETINGS

If you can't attend on Mondays at 5pm, you can still go to CRCQL meetings directly!! CRCQL holds general meetings every-other Thursday at 7pm, and action meetings every other Tuesday at 6:30pm (email lturner1@swarthmore.edu if interested). The meetings alternate so there is only one CRCQL meeting each week.

You can also keep up with C4 through our weekly meeting notes document!!


CRCQL MEETINGS

Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living
Bi-weekly Zoom meetings:
Next one: 12/19 @ 7PM
Register: <https://chesterpaej.org>

CONTACTS

To submit events and updates please email lturner1@swarthmore.edu.
Questions, comments, concerns, or other feedback for the Leadership Team?
Email lturner1@swarthmore.edu!

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