“The time has come for us to reimagine everything. We have to reimagine work and go away from labor. We have to reimagine revolution and get beyond protest. We have to think not only about change in our institutions, but changes in ourselves.... It’s up to us to reimagine the alternatives.”
— Grace Lee Boggs

Seeking movement-based media makers:
Paid and volunteer positions available

Reimagine! publishes a digital edition of Race, Poverty & the Environment (RP&E) each month, podcasts every other month, and a print journal twice a year. Founded 25 years ago as the voice of the environmental justice movement, RP&E continues to focus a race, class and gender lens on core issues of justice and survival. Reimagine! aims to organically link activists and media-makers to amplify our voices, strengthen our connections and deepen our cross-movement analysis.

Participants can engage on different levels. They can:
• After receiving an assignment, produce an article, photo essay or podcast in response to RP&E’s current call for submissions. (See other side of this sheet.)
• Engage in monthly editorial conversations—suggest topics, help make decisions and shape analysis.

Applicants for Reimagine! positions must be:
• connected to low-income people and communities of color
• capable of using a race, class, environmental and gender lens to analyze key issues
• able to supply relevant publication credits or have previous writing/production experience
• familiar with the dynamics, key issues and strategic choices facing justice movements in the U.S.

To see the submission guidelines, current digital editions and archived contents of Race, Poverty & the Environment, go to www.reimaginerpe.org.
Summer 2015: Silicon Valley Project

"San Jose was selected as a host city [for the Social Forum] due to the historic moment it is in as its economy has both the opportunities and the dangers of a polarized economy."—US Social Forum National Coordinator Shamako Noble

RP&E will be producing a package of stories that examines the ways transportation, land use and housing policies have deepened inequality in Silicon Valley—and how low-income communities and communities of color are organizing to stop displacement, improve public transit, and create sustainable communities. We're looking for writers, photographers and radio producers to work on four specific assignments:

1. Feature on the Transit Riders Union (TRU). 1,500 words plus three 400-word profiles of core TRU members. The story should explain how transportation issues intersect with broader issues of inequality in Silicon Valley, show how and why individual riders came to work in the TRU, trace the organization's evolution and describe its work.

2. Analytical feature on the 2016 Transportation Sales Tax Measure. 1,800 words. The story should explain how transportation investments and land use policies shaped the existing transit system in San Jose; who that system serves and who it fails; what competing visions for the measure are emerging (Silicon Valley Leadership Group and Transit Justice Alliance); and how the Alliance is shaping its campaign.

3. News feature on efforts by Google bus drivers to unionize. 1,000 – 1,250 words. Writer should have some familiarity with labor organizing. Story should give the narrative of the workers’ effort and link it to the broader context of low-wage worker organizing in Silicon Valley. How does this challenge inequity, and the dominant business model in the Valley?

4. Short feature on HUD’s South Bay janitor survey on housing and transportation. 900 words. This should include personal stories and link the provision of accessible transit and affordable housing to regional equity and environmental goals.

• We are also seeking submissions of ongoing news and related research tracking for publication at reimaginerpe.org/silicon-valley. Interested writers should submit a cover letter and two writing samples via email to reimaginerpe@gmail.com. Proposals are currently being accepted on a rolling basis, the sooner submitted, the greater the chances for acceptance and publication in the current round.

DEADLINES
Queries and proposals: June 24- July 24;
Draft Article: July 25- Aug 12;
Final author revisions: Aug 24.

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