



Crisis Convening July 13, 2018

Barnraising July 14-15, 2018

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark

Public Lab is an open community which collaboratively develops accessible, open source, Do-It-Yourself actions for investigating local environmental health and justice issues. A Barnraising is the closest thing we have to a conference—but with an emphasis on "doing stuff together." This year we are gathering for three days in Newark, part of the NJ/NY metropolitan region with coastal neighborhoods & infrastructure vulnerable to storm surges and flooding.

What happens at a Barnraising?

At a Barnraising, people come together to share advocacy strategies by telling stories from their lived experience, building and modifying tools for collecting data, deeply exploring local concerns presented by partner organizations and community members, and connecting with others working on similar issues across regions.

This year's focus: Crisis Convening

Every year, communities are affected by “extreme environmental events” such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, or floods. There are official response agencies with mandates to rescue, feed, heal, and rebuild; however, the true first responders are always people who live in the affected regions: neighbors and community leaders. After 2017's hurricane season, a network of people formed with interest in improving the capacity for disaster response to more effectively support local priorities and leadership in times of crisis. Together, this network and Public Lab are now calling for the convening of people who have worked together through crises such as Sandy, Harvey, Irma, Maria, and the like. Together, we will share experiences and skills, explore ways to promote equity and justice through modern crisis response, and build resources for community-first response.



People set the agenda collaboratively for the three day gathering

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Your voice is important, and all events are open to the public!

You are warmly invited to join ~ 40 other participants from the New Jersey / NY metro region, Louisiana, Texas, Puerto Rico (& diaspora), and Florida to explore the links between environmental justice & climate resilience:

Find out more and register at PublicLab.org/barnraising