May 1, 2018

Dear ,

Congratulations! You have been accepted for the **2018 Climate Solutions Reporting Fellow** as part of the [New Economies Reporting Project](https://neweconomy.net/new-economy-reporting-project). We received 65 fellowship applications and chose 15 fellows. Our judges [Sarah van Gelder,](https://revolutionwhereyoulive.org/about-sarahvangelder/) [Kate Aronoff](https://theintercept.com/staff/kate-aronoff/) and [Oscar Perry Abello](http://oscarperryabello.com/) remarked that the pool of applicants was unusually broad and deep this year!

There are a number of next steps for you as we prepare for the CommonBound convening:

1. Reply with your acceptance of this fellowship to Jo Ellen (joellen.tmc@gmail.com). If you are freelance, we will need you to sign an agreement with us. If you are a staff reporter, we will need your outlet to sign an agreement with us--please let us know who at your outlet should be our contact person. Those agreements will arrive in the next week.

2. Mark your calendars. The first fellows meeting is taking place: **May 31, 4:00 - 5:30 pm EST**

Agenda: Meet and Greet! Review Program

Zoom Video call:<https://zoom.us/j/9026104845>

Meeting ID: 902 610 4845

Phone only: +1 408 638 0968 or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll)

International numbers available:<https://zoom.us/zoomconference?m=ZrR9dstj9zrhRhnNwOi5rTnd9JYqUR_a>

3. We will be adding you to our **New Economies Reporting Project Google Group**. We will use the listserv to provide information on briefings, share ideas, etc. Please note: This is the listserv from our program last year. The hope is to grow a cohort of solutions-focused journalists covering the new economy beat!

4. NEC will be covering your [Commonbound](http://www.commonbound.org) travel costs, but you must please send us your details by May 15th. If you are planning on flying to the conference, [fill out this form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuNWElQLJzinmG4nlVBBNUmd4kIJkwhnnXyz53nlwC0i-gOQ/viewform) to make your travel arrangements through our travel agent. If you are driving, [fill out this form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZTQuEh2jfqei7rL60RnOXknMlJGqIjQ0J_u3JX6iXOsjG3w/viewform?usp=sf_link) instead. Remember, you have to arrive in St. Louis on  **Thursday, June 21**, because our Solutions Journalism workshop starts June 22 in the morning. Please plan on staying at least through breakfast on **Sunday, June 24**. Issues? nati@neweconomy.net

5A. Registering for all elements of New Economy Coalition’s conference, CommonBound, takes a couple of steps. Get registered for the conference itself and dorm housing by June 1st. Here’s how:

1. [Click here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commonbound-2018-owning-our-power-tickets-43443653136#tickets), then hit “Enter Promotional Code” at the top right of the box and enter the code **NECNERP100.**
2. This will give you a complimentary registration (hit *Collaborator*) and also provide three nights maximum at our dorm housing (hit ADD: *Dorm Housing 3 Nights*) at Harris Stowe University where the conference is being held! If you have to leave before Sunday you can select “ADD: Dorm Housing 2 Nights,” but please try to stay through Saturday if at all possible.
3. Fill out remainder of the form and submit!

5B. After you registered for the conference and your housing, you need to sign up for the Solutions Journalism Training on June 22. Here’s how you do that (Deadline is June 1st):

1. [Click here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commonbound-2018-owning-our-power-tickets-43443653136#tickets), then hit “Enter Promotional Code” at the top right of the box and enter the code **NECCNG100.**
2. ADD: Free Closed Network Gathering for our workshop with Solutions Journalism Network on June 22nd
3. Hit “Checkout”
4. Fill out your information
5. “Which closed Network Gathering have you been invited to attend?\*”
	1. Choose: New Economy Reporting Project: Solutions Journalism Training
6. Complete registration!
7. Issues? Contact: nati@neweconomy.net

6. Finally, [fill out this form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBQQQO-RDnT8ypvDBfkRr5voK91r_m9CCCT9pOURnJUu1NNQ/viewform) to submit your bio, headshot, and social media handles. *This is required for program communications and promotions*.

7. Read “What is CommonBound?” [HERE](http://www.commonbound.org/2016/what-commonbound)

Congratulations again. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Jo Ellen Green Kaiser