



## Raised Voices: Environmental Justice

Thursday, April 11 @ Taproot's Jewell Mainstage Theatre

Taproot Theatre is excited to partner with the Church Council of Greater Seattle and The Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation to present **Raised Voices**—a series of events celebrating the stories of Seattle activists who are speaking into specific areas of injustice in our city. For tonight's discussion, we welcome two speakers who are experienced advocates for environmental justice here in Seattle:

**Kiran Oommen, Community Organizer & Plaintiff on Juliana vs. US**

**Michael Foster, Climate Activist, Valve Turner & Felon**

Moderator: Beth Amsbary, Philanthropy Manager, Church Council of Greater Seattle & Spirit Workshops Convener

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**Kiran Oommen** is a plaintiff on the federal climate change lawsuit Juliana vs. US represented by Our Children's Trust, as well as a community organizer, gardener, and musician currently studying sociology at Seattle University. Alongside suing the government, they have been involved in direct action organizing around environmental and racial issues since their mid teens. Kiran plays in the folk punk collective Geophagia and the hardcore punk band Pickax, and books underground punk concerts in Seattle.



**Michael Foster, M.Ed.** in Counseling Psychology offers Carbon Recovery Counseling and workshops to explore addictive patterns of thinking and consumption on the long road to climate recovery. He devotes his time to inspiring people to act while we can still make a world of difference. An active speaker on climate science and psychology for all audiences, schools and colleges, mostly he volunteers with children and teens who

speak out and take action for their future, with Plant-for-the-Planet, Our Children's Trust, 350.org, and The Climate Reality Project.

## Raised Voices: Resources

There are several resources where you learn more and/or find out about actions that you can take to make a difference for our planet's future.

Here are just a few recommendations about places to start:

**Our Children's Trust** is the nation organization spearheading Juliana vs. US. Learn more about the game-changing, youth-driven, global climate recovery campaign to secure the legal right to a stable climate and healthy atmosphere.

<https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>

**Got Green** organizes and empowers communities of color and low income communities in Seattle and King County to win equity and opportunity in the green economy - including green jobs; access to healthy foods; green and healthy homes; and quality public transportation. <http://gotgreenseattle.org>

**Talk to Legislators** about plans to go 100% green sooner rather than later. Check out taking points on **350 Seattle's** website: <https://350seattle.org/right-now/>

**Join a Duwamish River Cleanup Day.** Meet neighbors & clean a river. The next one is coming up on **Earthday, Saturday, April 20, 2019**

<http://www.duwamishalive.org/>

**Attend the Promise to Protest training on April 27-28.** The Promise to Protect is a commitment to resist fossil fuels where you live and prepare to take creative action along the Keystone XL pipeline route when called upon by Indigenous leaders. <https://actionnetwork.org/events/seattle-saturday>

### Questions, Responses or Stories to share?

Email Sonja Lowe at [sonjal@taproottheatre.org](mailto:sonjal@taproottheatre.org) Or share your story of activism with us by using #TTCresist and tagging @taproottheatre on social media. We'd love to continue this conversation with you!

*This CONVERSATIONS event is held in conjunction with Taproot Theatre's production of **We Will Not Be Silent** by David Meyer and in partnership with The Sheri & Les Biller Family Foundation and the Church Council of Greater Seattle .*

