# Connect, Engage & Energize
# Mobilizing Climate Action in Your Community
***Subject to Change***

Wednesday, April 8th 2026 I Bentley University
8am - 5pm

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| **Registration & Coffee** *(Danielson Room)* | | |
| 8:00 - 9:00 | Registration & Sign-in<br>Everyone is encouraged to arrive early for maximum networking opportunities | Danielson Room |
| **All Day Exhibits** | | |
| 8:00 - 5:00 | Throughout the day, explore our **All-Day Exhibits** — including **vendor booths** showcasing businesses whose support makes the conference possible, where you can connect with solution providers and discover tools for local climate action. Stop by the **Youth Climate Solutions Challenge poster sessions** to meet student teams sharing innovative solutions, or try your hand at a few **Climate Carnival games** for a bit of fun between sessions. Later in the day, visit the **Nonprofit and Community Resource Fair** to connect with mission-driven organizations and community resources. | Executive Dining Room / Danielson Room / 325ABC |
| **Welcome & Plenary Session** *(Executive Dining Room)* | | |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | **Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Executive Dining Room |
| 9:10 - 9:25 | **Plenary Address**<br>*Senator Michael Barrett* | Executive Dining Room |
| 9:25 - 9:55 | **Plenary Address - Leadership & Local Climate Action**<br>*Reverend Mariama White-Hammond* | Executive Dining Room |
| **Panel Session** | | |
| 10:00 - 10:40 | **Innovative Climate Campaigns and Tools**<br>• **Residents Influencing Residents, The Decarbonizer Program:** A very effective means to accelerate electrification in your community. *Fred Davis*<br>• **Greenify Stoughton:** Students helping underserved households adopt energy-efficient upgrades. Greenify Stoughton is a participant in the Youth Climate Solutions Challenge. *Gahelle Galette*<br>• **Sustainability Cafe:** A one-stop event where residents learn about resources and programs that support sustainability in Newton. *Armela Gjylsheni.*<br>• **Educators Electrifying Everything**: A pilot workplace outreach program that connects local coaches with school colleagues in a group effort to decarbonize educators' homes. *Tom Ehbrecht.*<br>• **Massachusetts Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool and Climate Goals Tracker:** *Tools to easily access state data on EVs, solar and heat pumps and* demonstrate impact in your community. *Zana Cranmer & Ellen Tohn* | Executive Dining Room |

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| 10:40 - 11:05 | **BREAK**<br>*Youth Climate Solutions Challenge Poster Presentations* | Executive Dining Room |

**Breakout Session #1 (50 minutes)**

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| 11:05 - 11:55 | *Choose one breakout session to attend*<br>• **Building Partnerships For a Resilient Community** – *Caroline Weiss*<br>• **Engaging Youth Voices:** Youth Perspectives on Climate Education & Action – *Meera Subramanian*<br>• **From the Ground Up:** Real-World Lessons for Going Geothermal **–** *Marybeth Martello*<br>• **Getting the Word Out:** Best Practices for Climate Communications - *Scott Bernstein*<br>• **How to Build a Community Coaching Program** – *Lisa Wolf*<br>• **Making Decarbonization Accessible for Everyone:** Navigating Resources for Local Building Electrification – *Seth Federspiel*<br>• **Making Sense of It All** – *Reverend Mariama Hammond-White* | 325B<br>325C<br>305A<br>325A<br>335<br>305B<br>340 |

**Lunch & Awards**

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| 11:55 | **LUNCH**<br>Student & Young Adult Networking Lunch<br>*Book Sales Start* | Executive Dining Room |
| 12:35 - 1:00 | MassEnergize Remarks & Awards | Executive Dining Room |

**Keynote Speaker**

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| 1:00 - 1:20 | **Keynote Speaker**<br>*Tom Toro* | Executive Dining Room |
| 1:20 - 1:55 | **Spotlight Session**<br>DOER Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony and GECA Executive Director Larry Chretien will share their perspectives on the 2026 “Climate Bill” and the energy affordability crisis. | Executive Dining Room |
| 1:55 - 2:20 | **BREAK**<br>*Book Sales continue with authors Meera Subramanian and Tom Toro available to sign their books* | Danielson Room |

**Breakout Session #2 (50 minutes)**

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| 2:20 - 3:10 | *Choose one breakout session to attend*<br>• **Art That Fuels Change:** Storytelling in the Climate Movement – *Val Wang, Miranda Braganini, Alyssa Dube, Meera Subramanian, Tom Toro*<br>• **Bridging the Gap:** Energy Affordability for Moderate Income Residents – *Riddhima Dave*<br>• **Municipal Sustainability Round Table:** Supporting Municipal Staff & Learning From Each Other (Municipal Staff Only Please) – *Jillian Wilson-Martin*<br>• **Power Mapping: A Strategy Tool to Understand Power** – and How to Influence It – *Meghan Murphy*<br>• **Rights of Nature:** A Complimentary Means for Addressing Climate Change by Recognizing Rights of Wetlands – *Gillian Davies*<br>• **Using Psychology to Build Better Climate Messages** – *Dr. Ana Sebherwal & Prof. Gregg Sparkman*<br>• **What Does Electrification Look Like in My Community?** – *Julia Fox* | 325B<br>305B<br>335<br>340<br>325A<br>325C<br>305A |

**Closing Plenary (35 minutes)**

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| 3:15 - 3:50 | **The Next Wave of Climate Innovation:** What's on the Horizon for Decarbonization<br>*David Miller* | Executive Dining Room |

**Closing Remarks**

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| 3:50 - 4:00 | **Closing Remarks**<br>*Nathan Scott*<br>**Evaluations** | Executive Dining Room |

**Non-Profit Fair & Resources**

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| 4:00 - 5:00 | **Non-Profit & Community Resource Fair** | Danielson Room / 325ABC |
| 5:00 - 7:00 | **Dinner Meetings** | 305AB |