

EAST BAY GREEN JOB CORPS

What is the East Bay Green Job Corps?

The East Bay Green Job Corps (EBGJC) is a system of training and education designed to help older youth and young adults (aged 18-24) get the skills they need to enter green careers. It is a collaboration of several established, well-respected institutions, including Rising Sun Energy Center, Solar Richmond, Richmond Build, the Oakland Green Job Corps and Cypress Mandela Training Center, and the Workforce Collaborative.

How does it work?

The centerpiece of the EBGJC is an 8-week bridge program to help individuals prepare to access training programs, college vocational certificates, and employment opportunities. During the 8 weeks, the students learn intensive job readiness, team building skills, eco-knowledge and civic engagement, basic math and English skills, and basic principles of home energy retrofit services and solar energy. In addition, students will participate in 4-week paid internships in the community, and spend the final week of the bridge planning their transition to the appropriate next step.

Where does the bridge lead?

The EBGJC 8-week bridge can lead to community college vocational training programs, hard-skill vocational training programs, subsidized employment, or unsubsidized employment. East Bay Green Job Corps staff will work with each student to plan the transition from the bridge and find the right fit for each individual.

What do participants gain from participation in the EBGJC?

EBGJC offers participants 100 hours of paid work experience, 3 units of college credit, referrals into training programs, and assistance in finding employment. In addition, EBGJC participants are part of a network of linked services, programs, and organizations, offering numerous opportunities to advance in the Green Economy.

Where does the East Bay Green Job Corps take place?

The EBGJC offers three locations for its bridge program: Oakland, Richmond, and Berkeley.

When does the bridge take place?

There will be two opportunities to participate in the bridge program in each city. The first Oakland bridge begins February 1st, the first Richmond bridge starts April 12th, and the first Berkeley bridge will begin on June 21st. Later bridges will begin in August and conclude early in 2011. There is a mandatory orientation on January 19th for the first Oakland bridge.

What are the qualifications for participating in the East Bay Green Job Corps?

Participants must have an interest in learning the skills and tools necessary to find work in the Green Economy. Participants must be between the ages of 18-24. There will be income eligibility requirements as well.

How do I contact the EBGJC?

To enroll, contact Andrew Hanauer at (510) 891-8773 x308 or ahanauer@twc-oakland.org

