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**PRESS CONFERENCE: Transitioning to Solar Power with Green Jobs in Harlem**

There's been a lot of talk about Climate Justice, Energy Democracy, and a Green New Deal. At 10 AM on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, we'd like to show you how this is being put into practice, here and now, in communities like Harlem.

**Overview**

In response to community demand for clean and affordable energy and green jobs, WE ACT for Environmental Justice partnered with Solar One and the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board to create the Solar Uptown Now (S.U.N.) program, which is currently installing solar arrays on the rooftops of 11 HDFCs and other affordable housing buildings across Northern Manhattan. In doing so, the S.U.N. program is helping people who are disproportionately burdened by energy costs and the impacts of climate change to save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and achieve some degree of energy independence.

But what really makes this transition to clean and affordable energy exciting is the fact that WE ACT trained some of the workers who are now employed by Grid City to do these installations. At the community's request, WE ACT added solar training to its existing Worker Training program, which provides unemployed and underemployed members of the community with the free training they need to get good jobs.

**Details**

We invite you to come see the S.U.N. program's latest rooftop solar installation at 128 West 138th Street on Wednesday, Dec. 5th and learn more about the program. The rooftop press conference will begin promptly at 10 AM. We will have spokespeople from WE ACT for Environmental Justice along with our partners Solar One and Grid City. We will also have tenants from the building available to speak with the press, and we hope to have at least one of the workers we trained available as well.

**WHEN: 10 AM on Wednesday, Dec. 5th****WHERE: 128 West 138th Street, Harlem, NY****RSVP:** Please RSVP if you plan on attending so we are able to manage the crowd, keep the coffee warm, etc.**Chris Dobens**

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