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Solar One Hosts Open-Air Green Careers Job Fair Connects 100 Job Seekers with Employers in Sustainability Sector

Long Island City, N.Y April 25, 2024 – Solar One, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to green jobs training and clean energy solutions, hosted an indoor/outdoors careers fair at the rooftop patio office of their Long Island City headquarters Thursday afternoon.



The open-air event attracted more than 100 job seekers and employers—including the NYC Ferry, Brooklyn Solarworks and Pathways 2 Apprenticeship among others—from all five New York City boroughs, for a "no-shade" affair focused on connecting skilled workers with opportunities in the burgeoning green jobs sector.

Organized by Solar One and led by Shakira Hart, the nonprofit's Director of Community Engagement, the fair marked the organization's fourth successful green careers event in the past 18 months, resulting in a combined total of 142 job offers made to qualified candidates trained in solar installation, HVAC, energy efficiency, construction, and more.

"Solar One has been a leader in providing industry-specific training and job placement for under- and unemployed individuals for more than 10 years," Hart said. "We've provided industry-certified training to more than 5,000 green workforce clients, empowering them to launch careers in sustainable construction, building operations, and renewable energy."

Solar One's Green Workforce Program offers comprehensive training and certifications aligned with high-growth sectors like energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green building operations and maintenance. By providing hands-on learning experiences and industry-recognized credentials, Solar One equips graduates for success in the rapidly expanding green jobs market.

The nonprofit acknowledges the broader need for sustainability across all industries, not just those traditionally classified as "green." "We believe every job can be a green job," says Hart. "By integrating sustainability principles and fostering a deep understanding of energy efficiency, we empower individuals to contribute to a greener future, regardless of their specific field."

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Additionally, Solar One emphasizes environmental justice by creating pathways to green careers for historically underrepresented communities who have disproportionately borne the brunt of climate change.

New York City is the recognized national leader in advancing the green building sector through ambitious programs aimed at reducing carbon emissions and energy consumption. The Climate Mobilization Act, passed in 2019, is projected to create over 140,000 jobs in building operations and maintenance within the next decade.

Solar One's commitment extends beyond green jobs training. The organization's programs have impacted over 40,000 students and teachers across New York City and Newark, facilitated the installation of 31 MW of solar power on nearly 900 rooftops, and demonstrably advanced sustainability efforts throughout the region.

Visit <https://solar1.org/> to learn more about Solar One's Green Workforce Training Program and its ongoing mission to build a skilled, sustainable workforce for the future.

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About Solar One

[Solar One](https://solar1.org/) is an environmental nonprofit working to expand access to clean energy in the New York City region. Led by CEO Stephen Levin, a former NYC Councilmember, our mission is to design and deliver innovative education, training, and technical assistance that fosters sustainability and resiliency in diverse urban communities. Our programs include K-12 climate classroom education, green workforce training, urban ecology, solar technical assistance, and community engagement through clean energy events and campaigns.