

# ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE



# NOT CLIMATE CATASTROPHE AT COP26

## Why We Must Say No to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Climate Justice Alliance (CJA) was at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ([COP26](#)) in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 to November 12, 2021. As in past years, our members joined together with our sister alliances under the banner of the [It Takes Roots Alliance](#). Together, we combat false climate promises masquerading as solutions to the climate crisis that have been put forward by big business, the fossil fuel industry, and the cluster of interests that sustain and benefit from business as usual.

At COP26, we pushed for grassroots solutions to climate change that protect Mother Earth and all her creatures. Many at the meeting promoted techno-fixes that do little or nothing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at source. We advocated for solutions that are generated, designed, and controlled by communities--solutions that lead to a [Just Transition](#) away from fossil fuels and toward regenerative, renewable sources of energy and economy. So-called solutions and recommended policies must not continue to turn our communities into toxic sacrifice zones through unproven and dangerous programs like [geoengineering techno-fixes](#), [carbon capture and storage](#), [nuclear energy](#), [biofuels](#), and [other harmful practices](#).

**If we want to address climate change we need to move toward zero emissions, [not net zero](#), and reduce emissions at source. Real solutions must put an end to the extractive economy while fostering a [Just Transition](#) to locally-based, regenerative economies.**



Climate Justice Alliance members Ironbound Community Cooperation, Organización Boricúa de Agricultura Ecológica, People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER), East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC), and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance on an It Takes Roots delegation at a march in Santiago, Chile in October 2019. Photo by Hendrik Voss