

CHARLIE LORD

Alternatives for Communities and Environment (ACE)

Co-Founded with William Shutkin

1993 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Eradicate environmental racism and classism and achieve environmental justice by empowering low income communities.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Alternatives for Communities and Environment (ACE) is an environmental justice center working to build power in communities of color and low-income communities to combat environmental injustice. ACE is now the leading environmental justice organization in Massachusetts.

PERSONAL BIO

Charlie Lord is the Managing Principal of Renew Energy Partners, LLC (REP), an energy efficiency and clean on-site energy generation finance and development firm serving the retrofit market for commercial and industrial (C&I) buildings. REP finances and develops the renovation of existing C&I buildings to improve their energy performance, provide a market-rate return to investors, reduce climate emissions from the building sector and create jobs in cities. Prior to REP, Charlie was at C-Quest Capital, LLC (CQC). Charlie helped launch CQC's Global Cook Stoves Program. CQC is a carbon finance business dedicated to originating and developing high-quality emission reduction projects that provide superior returns for investors and energy services to low-income communities in Africa, India and Latin America.

Prior to C-Quest, Charlie was a principal at SCRC, an investment manager focusing on sustainable infrastructure (energy, waste and water), with an emphasis on emerging markets. Charlie also founded and scaled two social ventures, including Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE), the largest environmental justice center in the Northeast, based in Roxbury, MA where he served as Co-Director until 1998 and on the Board until 2004. In 1998, Charlie founded the Urban Ecology Institute at Boston College, and he served as UEI's Executive Director until 2008. Charlie taught in the Environmental Studies Program at Boston College until 2010. He has published numerous articles on environmental law, environmental justice and environmental policy. After law school Charlie clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Charlie is a recipient of the Barr Foundation Fellowship and has a BA from Yale University and a JD from the University of Virginia.

Issue area

Environment

Organization/Fellow Location

Newton, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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