



Uproot Project Mission Statement

The Uproot Project is a transformative network that serves as a resource for journalists of color who cover environmental issues, as well as young journalists of color who are interested in covering environmental issues. The network is dedicated to advancing the careers of journalists of color who have historically been underrepresented in environmental journalism, in turn imbuing the field with critical and fresh perspectives. The Uproot Project connects its member journalists with publications, offers trainings, and builds community as we navigate covering the environmental crises of our time.

The climate crisis is arguably the most urgent issue of our time. Long-established narratives about climate change often fail to center the fact that everything, from the extreme weather events it will bring and the social unrest it will spur, will disproportionately impact communities of color, especially those in the Global South. Adding this crucial element to the overall narrative means bringing voices from these communities to the forefront of environmental reporting.

The Uproot Project is open to journalists of all races and backgrounds, but its goal is to support journalists of color. Members will be invited to join networking meetups and training events hosted by Grist, a leading non-profit, environmental news site. The discussions Uproot facilitates will help equip journalists to cover this complicated topic and address the lack of representation by affected communities in newsrooms covering the climate crisis.