



Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Story of the Week: Illai Kenney  
Week of February 28 – March 6, 2021

**Sunday: Thrive Global: Sustainability for Black Communities**



**#SundayThoughts:** This week's story on @AriannaHuff's @Thrive Global, shines the light on award winning environmentalist and social justice leader Illai Kenney. Together with her mother Felicia Davis, a leading figure in the African American sustainability community, Illai is carrying on a powerful legacy of creating sustainable solutions and education programs for Black communities.

**Thrive Global link:** <http://bit.ly/3dUO4NK>

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**Monday: Quote: Illai Kenney**



**#MondayMotivation:** Illai Kenney inspires Black college students at Howard University and other HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and challenges them to get involved with sustainable initiatives like the HBCU Green Fund that helps finance large scale green infrastructure and renewable energy projects in Black communities.

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Stone Soup for a Sustainable World:  
Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes



**Illai Kenney**  
HBCU Green Fund  
Washington D.C.

### Tuesday: Hero Report: Illai Kenney, HBCU Green Fund

Be inspired by this short video featuring Illai Kenney who shares her journey from age 12 when she co-founded Georgia Kids Against Pollution to encourage governments, businesses, and adults to protect the planet from ruin. Now as Howard University alumni, working with Howard's Office of Sustainability, Illai spearheads projects that envision large-scale and long-term sustainability programs and educational support for HBCU campuses.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/hs4msi67cRI>

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### Wednesday: Honor Roll: HBCU Green Fund

#CalltoAction: Illa Kenney's goal is to raise \$1 Billion for The HBCU Green Fund to finance large-scale green infrastructure and renewable energy campus projects at HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges and Universities).

Join the movement to make HBCUs sustainable:

[www.hbcugreenfund.org](http://www.hbcugreenfund.org)

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### Wednesday: Illai Kenney's Press: Her Voice, Her Vision

Illai Kenney, award winning environmentalist and social justice leader, uses her voice to share her vision for moving toward a sustainable future. Illai was one of the very first (and only young) people to write a published article for the Huffington Post. Her articles are featured in leading environmental and literary publications.

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### Thursday: Young Heroes Fund

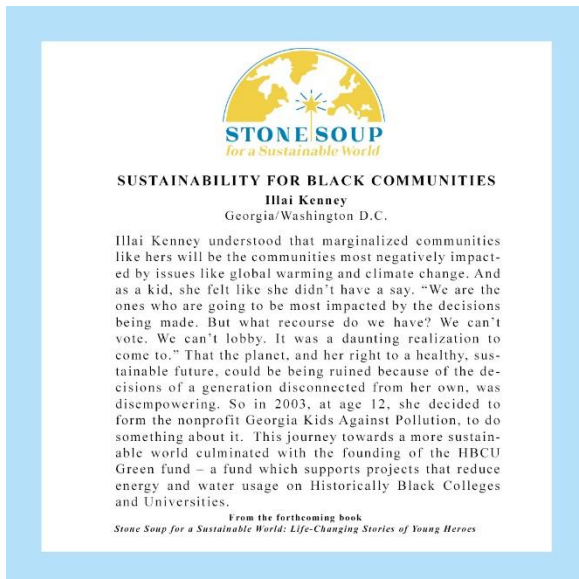
Be inspired by this short video of Black youth leaders: Illai Kenney, Destiny Hodges, Jerome Foster II, Feliza Fenty, Benita Davis, and Shilpa Jain- all featured in our forthcoming book, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*. Demi Weitz, Tiara Ganegama and Sam Jacobs invite you to contribute to the Young Heroes Fund to provide them with mentors, partnerships, and financial support to scale their sustainability projects and organizations.

<https://youtu.be/0unLf3FsFK0>

Illai Kenney, HBCU Green Fund @HBCUGreenFund  
 Destiny Hodges, Generation Green @Generation\_Green  
 Jerome Foster II, One Million of Us @OneMillionOfUs  
 Feliza Fenty, Virgin Gorda Youth Leadership Initiative  
 Benita Davis, Policy Forum Guyana @PolicyForumGuyana  
 Shilpa Jain, Yes! @yeschangemakers  
 Tiara Ganegama, Youth Force, Sri Lanka @YouthForce\_2019

Please join us in support of the work their work for climate, social, and economic justice. Your support makes all the difference!

#StoneSoupYoungHeroes #sustainability #YouthForceSriLanka  
 #hbcugreenfund #environmentaljustice #blackenvironmentalist  
 #OneMillionOfUs #impactsofpollution



### Friday: Sustainability for Black Communities

#FridayReads Read the inspiring story of Illai Kenney whose hero journey started when she was 12 years old and experienced how Black and Brown communities had become toxic waste dumps for polluting companies in Atlanta. This awakening set her on a path to demand the city and state's leaders to improve healthy living standards and increase sustainability practices, especially for communities of color.

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**CLIMATE JUSTICE IS  
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

*These power plants dump all the  
pollutants into the Black and  
low-income communities.  
Somebody needs to let them know  
that yes, you do have a choice,  
you aren't forced to live with this  
stuff- and you can make a  
difference if you want to.*

ILLAI KENNEY

**ACT NOW!**

**Saturday: Climate Justice is Social Justice**

**#SaturdayThoughts:** At the age of 13, Illai Kenney led her first protest against a gas and utility company. The demonstration made it into the company's shareholders report—the gigantic company heard them! In her eyes, its important for youth and adult leaders of all races and backgrounds to demand climate justice for everyone.

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