

FEMA's Resilient Nation Partnership Network Releases "Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience" Partner Voices

The [Resilient Nation Partnership Network](#) (RNPN) recently released a series of [audio stories](#) on equity and resilience, featuring four diverse voices who contributed to the "[Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience](#)" resource that was published in April 2021.

This is the latest step in a massive collaboration made possible by the reach and power of partnerships. "Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience" and the corresponding audio stories offer insights, reflections and resources that organizations can use to build and apply equitable practices in their day-to-day work.

The audio stories feature four authors from the original guide, who deliver the narratives featured as "Partner Voices." The authors/orators include:

- Nikki Cooley, Diné Nation/Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals.
- Anna Marandi, National League of Cities.
- Valerie Novack, Utah State University; Formerly of the Center for American Progress.
- Jake White, National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders.

Narrated by FEMA's Director of External Affairs, Justin Knighten, these original anecdotes describe why resilience is uniquely important to the speakers, their livelihoods and communities. The stories highlight the need to actively create a more resilient future. As Valerie Novack notes, "We cannot continue to only write and talk about building networks, practices and communities that are prepared for and resilient to disaster events. We must actively engage in the changes necessary to make them so, and we hope that resources such as these are the start to that work."

The audio stories, with English and Spanish transcripts, are available on the [RNPN website](#). For more information, please reach out to Bradley Dean at bradley.dean@fema.dhs.gov.

