



**“I believe we can create a modern, new power economy right here in Kentucky that will generate clean energy and thousands of new jobs. I believe we can create it, and I’m just as convinced that we have to.”**

**K.A. Owens, past KFTC Chairperson**

## **We are Kentuckians**

We are a statewide organization of more than 7,500 members and growing:

- Folks from cities, rural and small towns
- Workers, unemployed and retired
- People of all income levels
- Families and single people
- Teachers, farmers, miners, nurses, social workers ...
- Young and old

We have members in 100 of Kentucky’s 120 counties and 11 local chapters across the state.

By working together we can improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians.

## **We want what most people want:**

- Clean air and water
- Good, safe jobs
- Healthy communities
- Opportunities for our children

We know that right now is our best chance to build New Power in Kentucky. But we have to address the problems caused by Old Power—old political power, old economic power and old energy power.

We have to **stop mountaintop removal** and other destructive impacts of coal mining.

We have to **make a transition** to cleaner and safer forms of energy that create new jobs.

We have to **reform our tax structure** so it’s fair and supports quality schools, healthy & safe communities, and an effective state government.

We have to **restore voting rights** and enable all Kentuckians to participate in our Democracy.

We have to **choose better leaders** who represent ordinary people instead of powerful interests.

**“I’m more excited about the future than I have been since I got back home. I believe that right now, we have the best chance we’ve had in decades to build a new economy here in Eastern Kentucky.”**

**Beverly May, KFTC member, Floyd County**

## **Together, we’re building New Power**

We believe the power to make decisions should be in the hands of people directly affected by those decisions.

Ways we build our power:

- Become experts on issues facing Kentucky
- Help ordinary people become extraordinary community leaders
- Build community
- Grow our membership and our presence
- Have fun

Ways we use our power:

- Communicate a vision of what’s possible
- Hold state and federal legislators accountable
- Educate voters and increase voter turnout
- Push our issues into the forefront of public debates
- Win



# In our history, we've won some important victories. Here are just a few:

In 1988, through our statewide electoral campaign, 82% of Kentucky voters said YES to a constitutional amendment making it illegal for coal operators to strip mine without property owners' permission.



In 2005, our organizing helped pass a bill that removed 500,000 low-income Kentuckians from state income tax rolls.

In 2010, we helped stop a new coal-burning power plant that would have added decades of pollution and destruction to our state's future.

**“Many of us are working to create a better future for our children and grandchildren – and we’ve got lots of possibilities and real ideas about how to do that. We’ve got a bright future if we want it.”**

**Carl Shoupe, KFTC member, Harlan County**

## Join the movement!

We welcome all people who care about Kentucky to be a part of this exciting grassroots movement.

**Become a member:** Complete a membership form. Pay what you can – suggested dues are \$15 to \$50 annually.

**Visit, Learn, Take Action:**  
[www.KFTC.org](http://www.KFTC.org)

**Contact KFTC** to learn how you can get involved in specific campaigns and events.

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## We have a vision.

We are working for a day when Kentuckians — and all people — enjoy a better quality of life.

When the lives of people and communities matter before profits.

When our communities have good jobs that support our families without doing damage to the water, air, and land.

When companies and the wealthy pay their share of taxes and can't buy elections.

When all people have health care, shelter, food, education, and other basic needs.

When children are listened to and valued.

When discrimination is wiped out of our laws, habits, and hearts.

And when the voices of ordinary people are heard and respected in our democracy.



# we are **Kentuckians** For The **Commonwealth**

