

Ian Viteri Bio:

Ian Viteri was born and raised in the southwest side of Chicago in the neighborhood of Little Village. He received his BFA from the American Academy of Art where he began to integrate issues of social and environmental injustice into his work. However, it was in his experience of living, working, and organizing youth activities in his neighborhood there his real experience as an environmental activist began.

Ian has been with the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization as the clean power organizer for just a little over a year. In this short time he has already become a powerful spokesperson for the organization. His mission is to inform people of the effects of pollution in our neighborhood and work to shut down the Fisk and Crawford coal power plants.

Prsonal Statement:

*The Crawford coal power plant sits not even a mile away from my house. I always just took it as a given, believing that it has always been there and that it will always be there. Now I realize through the power of organizing and informing people about the truth and letting them know that if we work together we can do something about it, we can cause change. I believe that social and environmental injustice can be changed through partnership, awareness, and creative problem solving.*