

The 2023 CCAG
Laddie Michalowski Community and Labor Award Honoree
Marc Caplan

Marc Caplan has been a leading organizer and advocate in progressive politics and the democracy movement since the early 1970s. For 25+ years, he was extensively involved in issue campaigns, coalition-building, and political campaigns in Connecticut and New England. Caplan served as CCAG Executive Director from 1974 to 1980, where he helped CCAG become a strong force for progressive power and win battles for environmental protection, consumer rights and health care reform.



In founding LEAP in Connecticut in 1980, he pioneered the development of state-wide multi-constituency progressive electoral coalitions. Working with Northeast Action and Region 9A of the UAW, he then helped build labor-community political coalitions in four other New England states. He also consulted with their creation in another half dozen states. He directed Northeast Action from 1992 to 1999, helping it become a stronger regional support center for New England and New York. He also ran three statewide political campaigns in Connecticut including Miles Rapoport's successful run for Secretary of the State in 1994 and Bill Curry's successful run for Comptroller in 1990.

For 15 years, he served as a senior program officer at the Proteus and Piper Funds, addressing the excessive corporate and special interest influence on our political system. He continued that work as a money in politics and democracy advocate at Common Cause, working with leaders in democracy reform work in a dozen states. He presently consults for the Working Families Party helping to build a democracy coalition in New Jersey.