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Training #4

Women for 100% Renewable Energy: From Installation to Advocacy

May 4, 2016 - 10:00amPST/1:00pm EST for 120 minutes

This training will provide you with a practical understanding of renewable technologies and solar installation options, the theory and organizing tools needed to lead and reclaim power in your communities, as well as strategies for engaging with local and global movements calling on governments to take immediate action to change course towards a just transition to a decentralized and democratized clean energy future.

Presenters:



Wahleah Johns is the Solar Project Manager with the Black Mesa Water Coalition, based in Arizona. Wahleah comes from the Navajo (Dine) Nation and the community of Forest Lake, one of several communities atop Black Mesa. She is a founding member of the Black Mesa Water Coalition, as well as its longest lasting employee. In her several years at BMWC she has played various roles, all which have led to groundbreaking legislative victories for groundwater protection, green jobs, and environmental justice. In her most recent position as BMWC's Black Mesa Solar Project Coordinator, Wahleah is working out of the bay area in California to gain organizational expertise and support for transitioning

Black Mesa's reclaimed mining lands to solar farms. Wahleah is also a member of the Navajo Green Economy Coalition, working to educate the local community and lobby at the federal, state and tribal levels on behalf of maintaining balance with nature and building self-sustaining indigenous communities.



Lynn Benander of *CoOp Power* works tirelessly to build community ownership of renewable energy resources in New England and New York. She has worked for many years to support the development of consumer, producer, worker-owned and other locally-controlled businesses that meet basic needs for energy, food, and shelter. Ms. Benander has raised more than \$25 million in development grants, renewable energy grants, and financing for business development. She brings expertise in project planning, fundraising, grant writing, and grant management. Recently she helped raise one million in equity investment for Northeast Biodiesel and \$540,000 for business planning

and new business development for Energía, an energy services company in Holyoke. She has provided fundraising, strategic planning, marketing, executive search management, business planning and technical assistance consulting to hundreds of businesses in the Northeast including Cabot Creamery, Collective Copies, Northeast Cooperatives, PV Squared, Hillside Organic Farm and Pizza Company, and River Valley Market. Lynn Benander lives in Shelburne Falls, Mass. and serves on numerous cooperative and community boards and on her town's energy and finance committees.



Diane Moss is a founder of the Renewables 100 Policy Institute and founder of dima-media, which specializes in sustainability-related projects, companies and campaigns. Diane is also an independent energy strategies consultant, and has worked with several non-profit organizations, including Friends of the Earth and Heinrich Boell Foundation, as well as clean tech companies. She has served as US policy advisor to World Future Council, and as environmental deputy to United States Congressman Jane Harman. Diane also served as intern to the Costa Rican Ambassador to UNESCO in Paris. She studied at

Harvard University and New York University, and completed a thesis program in political science in Paris. Her writing on renewable energy.