



The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network invites you to join a series of online
Education and Advocacy Trainings for Women for Climate Justice
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Reclaiming Our Democracy: Resistance and Renewal

May 24, 2017 - 11:00 am Pacific Time/2:00 pm Eastern Time for 120 minutes

With remarkable diversity and great strength, women are standing to lead movements to protect and defend people and planet, calling for systemic change and justice on the issues that we know are inseparable - from gender justice to Indigenous rights, from racial justice to immigrant rights, from climate change to economic inequality. This moment in history demands that we unite across borders and experiences, and take our collective efforts to another level as we work towards a healthy and just planet in the face of oppressive and dangerous political landscapes.

Powerful women leaders who will share strategic analysis; roadmaps for reclaiming our democracy; thoughts on how best to organize in this current political moment; tips on how we can make a difference in the decisions made by our government; and much, much more. This training will focus on the U.S. context, processes and examples, however international allies are welcome to participate.

Presenters:



Cindy Weisner (Grassroots Global Justice Alliance)

Cindy Weisner is the National Coordinator of Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ) and Co-Chair of the Climate Justice Alliance (CJA) and the Our Power Campaign, has been active in the grassroots social justice movement for over 20 years. She started organizing with HERE Local 2850. Cindy then served as Director of Organizing for People Organizing to Win Employment Rights (POWER) in San Francisco, and as an Organizer and Board member for generationFIVE. Cindy has also been a consultant for Men Overcoming Violence Everywhere and Mujeres Unidas y Activas. Before joining GGJ staff she was the Leadership Development Director of the Miami Workers Center (MWC) and represented the MWC as a member of the US Social Forum (USSF) National Planning Committee. In both USSF's, Cindy was the co-chair of the national outreach working group and served on the leadership and coordination bodies of those efforts. She currently represents GGJ on the International Council of the World Social Forum. After 5 years as GGJ Political Coordinator, Cindy stepped into the role of National Coordinator in September, 2012. Cindy is originally from Los Angeles and is of Salvadoran, Colombian and German descent and is Queer. She is based in Miami, FL.



A'shanti Gholar (Emerge America)

A'shanti F. Gholar is the Political Director for Emerge America, the only organization dedicated to recruiting, training, and empowering Democratic women to run for public office. For 15 years, A'shanti has been a grassroots organizer and activist for women, communities of color, and progressive causes. She has experience in building coalitions, program development, and community and political engagement. Prior to coming to Emerge America, A'shanti served as the National Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Director of African American Engagement for the Democratic National Committee. A'shanti has also served as the Manager of National Partnerships for United Way Worldwide, as a political appointee in the Obama Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor, and as the Director of Public Engagement for the 2012 Democratic National Convention Committee in Charlotte, NC.

A native Nevadan, A'shanti holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's of Science Degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology with an emphasis on leadership development and women in leadership. A'shanti was

featured as a political influencer in CQ Roll Call Magazine, named a top woman of color in policy by Walker's Legacy, and appears on NewsOne Now with Roland Martin as a political commentator.



Liz Van Cleve (Indivisible Project)

Liz Van Cleve is a volunteer with the Indivisible Project where she helps with social media and other projects as needed. During her working hours, Liz is a communications manager at an international environmental nonprofit where she works on media and public relations, social media, and other advocacy and outreach communications. Originally from Minnesota, Liz holds a BA in political science from Carleton College in Northfield, MN. She currently lives and works in Washington, DC.