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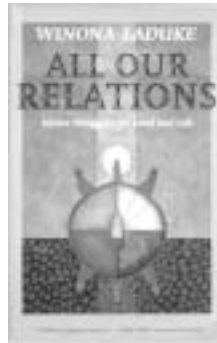
Products that Honor the Earth

All Our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life

By Honor the Earth Program Director
Winona LaDuke

All Our Relations offers a beautiful and daring vision of political, spiritual and ecological transformation. In each chapter, LaDuke profiles front line Native activists sharing the struggle for survival.

\$16.00 includes shipping and handling.



HONOR CD

This double compilation Daemon Records release features Indigo Girls, Ulali, Bonnie Raitt, John Trudell, Indigenous, Soul Asylum and more. The album is a musical tribute to the Earth.

\$20.00 includes shipping and handling.

Wind Power on Native Lands : Get Involved!

Indigenous Environmental Network a grass roots alliance of Native environmental groups across North America providing technical assistance, political support and networking.

Call 218-751-4967 or visit ienearth.org

NativeEnergy's WindBuilderssm program offers a way for individuals, businesses and organizations to help build new wind farms. The program focuses on small wind projects that have difficulty getting financed, like the Rosebud Sioux Tribe wind project.

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Intertribal Council On Utility Policy supports the development of sustainable tribal economies built upon renewable energy resources and is actively developing utility-scale wind farm opportunities with Northern Plains Tribes.

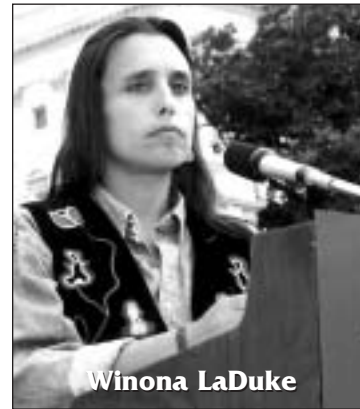
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Wind Not War.

Honor the Earth Mission

Honor the Earth's mission is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues and develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. Honor the Earth develops these resources by using music, the arts, the media and indigenous wisdom to ask people to recognize our joint dependency on the Earth and be a voice for those not heard.

Our Staff



Photo; Keri Pickett

Honor the Earth is led by our Program Director, Winona LaDuke, an internationally acclaimed Native activist who has organized for more than two decades around Native women's and environmental issues. LaDuke was Ralph Nader's Vice Presidential running mate for the Green Party in 1996 and 2000. She is the author of three books and the founder of the White Earth Land Recovery Project.

Our Partners: Creating A Stronger Voice for the Earth

Since 1993, Grammy Award winning Indigo Girls have headlined four Honor the Earth concert tours that have raised half a million dollars for Native grassroots groups. Indigo Girl Amy Ray released a benefit CD called HONOR on her independent label, Daemon Records, in 1996. More than 15,000 albums have been sold!

Other national recording artists that have joined with Honor the Earth include Grammy award winning Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Indigenous, David Crosby, John Trudell, Ulali, Joan Baez, Keith Secola, Bruce Cockburn and more!



Indigo Girls

Honor the Earth Grantmaking

Honor the Earth-Tides Foundation Native Communities Program

Honor the Earth has raised and distributed more than \$700,000.00 to over 85 groups in our nine year history. This money has been raised through benefit concert tours and through a model philanthropic collaborative with the Tides Foundation called the Native Communities Program.

In the past year, we have focused much of our grant making around our Energy Justice Initiative, providing critically needed funding to groups resisting destructive energy projects and those engaged in creating safe energy alternatives.

Examples of Energy Justice grantees include:

Western Shoshone National Council: to oppose the national nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain, the heart of their nation.

Black Mesa Trust : to oppose the continued drawdown of the Black Mesa Aquifer by the Peabody Coal Company as it slurries coal from Hopi and Navajo land to southern Nevada.

Zuni Salt Lake Coalition: to oppose the Fence Lake Coal Mine which would devastate the sacred Zuni Salt Lake.

Pimicikamak Cree Nation and MoCreebec Cree Nation: to oppose mega-dam development on James and Hudson Bay in Canada which will devastate their pristine ecosystem.

Gwich'in Steering Committee: to support Gwich'in efforts to oppose oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and protect the Porcupine caribou herd.

"Vadzaii googii vi dehk'it gwanlii is what we call the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge... the sacred place where life begins. Our whole way of life is based on the (caribou) herd and the land."

- Faith Gemmil, Gwichi'in Steering Committee

Entire Cree cultures and histories in Canada have been flooded to make way for mega-dam projects.



Photo: Courtesy of Dick Bancroft

At Cross Lake, home of the Pimicikamak Cree, Manitoba Hydro, Ontario Hydro and Hydro Quebec have flooded 3.3 million acres, much of it boreal forest, in order to export power to the United States. As a result, the Pimicikamak went from a 100% self-sufficient society to environmental refugees and paupers in their own lands.

Today, new energy proposals will exploit uranium from the Navajo Nation, coal methane gas from the Northern Cheyenne Nation, oil from the Gwich'in Nation in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and flood additional Cree territories in northern Quebec and northern Manitoba.

We believe in energy justice and in the survival of our communities.

We also believe in the common good for all peoples. Energy issues impact all of us. It's time to take a stand. We have to join together and start implementing energy solutions!

Energy Justice: The Solution

Honor the Earth works for energy justice in two ways. First, we provide financial and political support to grassroots groups who are on the frontlines resisting the devastation of their land. Then, we work with communities to support and create safe energy alternatives.

Renewable energy technologies such as wind and solar can phase out harmful nuclear power and fossil fuels like coal and dams. The state of North Dakota alone has enough wind power to supply the energy needs of the entire country at current consumption levels. Native peoples, who have historically been disproportionately impacted by unjust energy policy, could be in the leadership of this transition! Your support can make the difference.

FOCUS ON ENERGY JUSTICE: HONOR THE EARTH'S KEY INITIATIVE

Energy Issues in Native America

"Each year one billion gallons of our sacred ancient water is fouled beyond reclamation and evaporates into the Nevada desert sky. One billion gallons is enough to provide for the Hopis for a hundred years. Instead, it dies on a dry wind, and Moenkopi wash is dry."

- Vernon Masayesva, Black Mesa Trust
referring to the impact of Peabody Coal's Black Mesa mine and coal slurry pipeline on the Hopi and Navajo. The mine and pipeline keep the lights on in Las Vegas.

Native Nations hold only 4% of the land in the U.S. but produce almost 20% of all U.S. energy resources.

Already, our territories are devastated with some of the largest radioactive contamination zones in the country.

The Yakima Nation, immediately downstream from the Hanford Nuclear Facility, is poisoned with radioactive run-off. Over 1,000 uranium mines sit abandoned on the Navajo Reservation. The Western Shoshone, contaminated by radioactive fallout from more than 900 atomic explosions in the Nevada Test Site, are fighting to protect their sacred Yucca Mountain from becoming the U.S. dumping ground for high level nuclear waste.

We are also the home to four of the ten largest coal strip mines in the country, all unreclaimed.

Peabody Coal operates the largest coal strip mine in the world on Hopi and Navajo Land.



In the past year, we've also provided funds for a host of Native projects ranging from youth organizing initiatives to traditional food programs. These forward thinking initiatives offer hope for the future. Some of our grantees include:



Grassy Narrows First Nation, Canada: to train Indigenous youth in environmental justice organizing work in northern Ontario.

Wadookaading School: to support language immersion work with Ojibwe children on the Lac Courte Orielles Reservation in Wisconsin.

Slim Buttes Land Association: to support industrial hemp production and hemp housing on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Penobscot Boys and Girls Club: to protect the Penobscot River and preserve Native culture on the Penobscot Reservation in Maine.



An Alternative Energy Vision for the Future

"We believe in the wind. The wind is a gift, the wind has power. The wind is a blessing."

- Pat Spears,
Intertribal Council
on Utility Policy

We are proud to launch a new campaign as part of our Energy Justice Initiative. This campaign forwards an alternative energy vision for the future.

By supporting the construction of small-scale wind turbines in Indian Country,

we are promoting tribal energy self-reliance that does not destroy Mother Earth but honors what she provides. For tribes who are currently connected to a large energy grid, or those who want to be connected, the development of local wind, solar, and other clean and safe alternative energy provide not only a mechanism for displacing dirty energy (nuclear, coal, mega-dams, oil and gas), but also respects the role of Indigenous Peoples as leaders in the movement for a safe and sustainable world.

Honor the Earth is asking institutions, organizations, artists and you, the public, to join us in this work. With your help, Native communities can build sustainable economies by harnessing the Earth's winds to produce clean energy. Contribute to our campaign to build Wind Turbines in Indian Country by making a contribution to Honor the Earth. Reduce your consumption of energy, and demand more funding for wind, solar and other clean alternatives to dirty energy. In this way, you are helping to forward energy justice.

With our partners, you can help build Native American wind farms like the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wind Turbine Project in South Dakota – the very first large-scale Native American wind turbine in the

The Great Plains is the Saudi Arabia of Wind Power.

Twenty-three Native Nations in the Great Plains have the potential to generate over 300,000 megawatts of clean and renewable electricity from the wind – that's half of the U.S. current generating capacity. Tribes hope to bring 5,000 megawatts of wind power to market in the next decade: the equivalent of three or more coal or nuclear power plants.

"We can bring you coal, mercury, global warming, and climate change, or we can bring you wind power. The choice is ours."

- Bob Gough, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy.

country. This turbine will come on-line in 2003! Many more projects are in the making. More than a dozen tribes across the country are now researching the feasibility of wind in their communities.

You'll also be helping to jump-start a multi-tribal sustainable economic development initiative. These wind projects are Native projects, providing Native income, jobs and educational opportunities.

In addition to supporting the Rosebud Reservation wind project, Honor the Earth is working with groups on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to establish viable wind power. Poverty and unemployment plague Pine Ridge. In fact, the poorest county in the U.S. is on the reservation. Along with being extremely poor, Pine Ridge is also extremely windy. Research backs up first hand knowledge that Pine Ridge has some of the best wind velocity on the plains.

Our first project on Pine Ridge is a partnership with reservation-based KILI Radio, the largest Native radio station in the country. We are supporting KILI's work to erect a small turbine on Porcupine Butte, where the station is located. The turbine will offset about 80% of KILI's energy needs. Honor the Earth will also partner on a second Pine Ridge wind turbine with the White Plume Tiosapaye, a traditional family that has worked to reconcile many issues facing the Oglala Lakota people.

Together, we can turn the tide against big corporations exploiting Native lands and resources *and* stem global warming.

"America is the largest energy market in the world. Whether the resource is uranium, coal, water or oil, much of it comes from Native lands. At the same time, tribes possess enough wind and solar potential to far outpace reliance on environmentally and culturally destructive energy resources. Honor the Earth is about creating a transition away from destructive energy policy to a just and sustainable policy."

—Winona LaDuke
Honor the Earth Program
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