

Women In Leadership Development

We are pleased to announce that the 13th Annual **Women In Leadership Development** Conference will be held at the Hilton East Brunswick, March 4-5, 2016.

This year's conference will offer new and enlightening insights into building leadership skills, women's labor history, and the fight for our economic future.

Back by popular demand, we will once again be joined by singer/songwriter Bev Grant whose "We Were There" performance is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate and experience the stories of some of the nation's most courageous women leaders. We will be joined by USW District 4 Staff Dave Wasiura and Valerie Thomas, who will share a presentation covering labor history fundamentals and the importance of labor's involvement in our democracy.

To cap off the conference, we will expand on the economic lessons from past conferences with an updated Common Sense Economics workshop taught by our WILD sisters. This power-building curriculum will give us the tools and strategies to address the most pressing economic challenges presently facing working families.

This conference builds on WILD's tradition of empowering ourselves, our unions, and communities. We thank you for your continued support.

For further information or any questions, please call New Jersey State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Laurel Brennan, at (609) 989-8730.

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WILD - Women In Leadership Development



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**13th Annual (WILD)
Women in Leadership
Development**



Making History Fighting for The Future

March 4– 5, 2016

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 4, 2016

5:00 p.m. Registration

5:30 p.m. Reception

WELCOME

Charles Wowkanech
New Jersey State AFL-CIO
President

Laurel Brennan
New Jersey State AFL-CIO
Secretary-Treasurer

6:30 p.m. Plenary Session

Empowering All Working Women to Achieve Economic Security

Valerie King, UWUA 601

Ensuring economic security for all working women depends on educating ourselves as well as empowering each other. Our union sister Valerie King, has been invited to discuss the great work of the UWUA National Women's Caucus, which is working to put this idea into practice by providing a communication, education, strategy and support system to advocate for equality and economic security for women and their families.

We Were There!

Union Women of Our Past & Future

Bev Grant is the co-creator of "We Were There!," a unique and interactive multimedia performance that brings the experience of women's labor history to life. She is a veteran social activist, feminist, singer/songwriter, and a longtime WILD sister. Bev's presentation was specially designed to honor the work and solidarity of our union sisters who make WILD the most successful conference of its kind and continue to lead the progressive vision of the labor movement. This presentation is a tribute to all WILD women.

Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session

Why Legislation Can Make or Break Unions

Dave Wasiura & Valerie Thomas
USW District 4 Staff Representatives

As dedicated young union leaders, Dave Wasiura and Valerie Thomas, are sharing their knowledge and experience to inspire and mobilize their fellow young workers in the fight for our future. Dave and Val are spearheading these efforts through the USW "Next Generation" program. Their presentation was developed as a way to educate young workers about the necessity of labor's legislative involvement, and how our activism is not only a way to neutralize threats, but also to ensure progress for all working people.

9:30 a.m. Workshop

Growing the Economy Takes Common Sense

Jennifer Higgins, AFT 1904
Carli Meneses, IAM 2339N
Lauren Young Boukema, CWA 1036

This year, we will expand on the economic lessons from past conferences with an updated Common Sense Economics workshop taught by our WILD sisters. This power-building curriculum will give us the tools and strategies to address the most pressing economic challenges presently facing working families. During this training, participants will learn:

- **Working people can and must change the direction of our national economy.**
- **Economic outcomes are not a matter of chance but a result of policy choices.**
- **Working people have the power to shape our own economic destiny.**

Common Sense Economics is an educational tool that empowers us to understand how the economy works and how to make it benefit workers. As WILD sisters, we stand ready to get the job done.

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Wrap-up

Registration

Conference Fee: \$100

Includes: Meals, Program, and Materials

Please fill out the information below and mail it, along with a check payable to the "New Jersey State AFL-CIO," to:

WILD Conference
New Jersey State AFL-CIO
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Name

Organization

Address

Phone

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Reservations

The Hilton East Brunswick

3 Tower Center Boulevard
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

All participants are responsible for their own room reservations. To book, please call **(800) 445-8667** and mention "NAF" to receive the discounted room rate of **\$118.00** (tax not included).

Overnight self-parking is included in the room rate – valet parking is an additional \$14 per day.

To guarantee room availability, the deadline is **Thursday, February 11, 2016.**