INDIGENOUS WOMEN LEADING MEDIA CAMPAIGNS TO DEFEND OUR CLIMATE

Four Indigenous women speak to effective resistance on the ground against extreme energy in Canada and the United States.

Co-organized by Idle No More, an Indigenous-led movement that calls on all people to join in a peaceful revolution to honour Indigenous sovereignty and to protect the land and water.
Our ancestors teach us that we must always be mindful that the work we do today will affect seven generations from now. The time is now to protect the quality of life of future generations and Mother Earth against irresponsible resource extraction.

ELLEN GABRIEL, KANIE\n'KEHA:KA

Human rights activist from Kanehsatà:ke, Ellen has spent years fighting for Indigenous rights. Ellen became well-known to the public when she was chosen by the People of the Longhouse and her community of Kanehsatà:ke to be their spokesperson during the 1990 “Oka” Crisis to protect the Pines from the expansion of a 9 hole golf course in “Oka” and the removal of Kanien’kehá:ka ancestors from their burial ground. She is now a leading voice in fighting the Energy East and Line 9 tar sands pipelines. Kanehsatà:ke territory is right in the path of the proposed Enbridge Line 9 and Trans-Canada Energy East tar sands pipelines and Ellen has emerged as a key voice in the fight to stop tar sands expansion through organizing in solidarity with First Nations in Alberta and the 185 First Nations in the right of way of the controversial project.

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Shelley A. Young, a member of Eskasoni Mi’kmaw Nation, is heavily involved in the anti-fracking movement in Elsipogtog, N.B. Shelley remained on the frontlines and raised over $20,000 to help the Elsipogtog warriors legal costs and protest camp site. Shelley was also involved in a high-profile fast to push Indian Act leadership in Mi’kma’ki to halt Treaty negotiations with the federal and provincial government. She has organized numerous climate change campaigns, sat on panels and conducted workshops at nearly every major university in the East Coast. She was recognized as a “Peace & Social Justice Leader” by the Ecology Action Centre and was chosen as a “Millenial Leader” in Nova Scotia for her activism in water protection, Aboriginal rights awareness, and environmental preservation.

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“Don’t let anyone tell you that your voice isn’t powerful.
Fight for your children and their children.
We’re their last hope.”
For us, this place is more than just land. It is the place that has given life to our people since time immemorial.

Our culture, our language, our identity come from the land and it is to the land that we owe our very existence.

ELLE-MAIJA TAILFEATHERS
BLACKFOOT & SAMI

Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers is both Blackfoot from the Kainai First Nation/Blood Reserve and Sámi from Norway. She is an award-winning filmmaker based in the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Tsleil-Waututh, and Skwxwú7mesh peoples, otherwise known as Vancouver, BC. She was part of a Blackfoot women-led action intended to stop over half of their lands from being leased to various oil companies for fracking.

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Above all, fight to protect all life.

Be a voice for all those that can't speak and never give up hope.

KANDI MOSSETT
MANDAN, HIDATSA, ARIKARA

Kandi Mossett, Native Energy & Climate Campaign Organizer, was born and raised on the Fort Berthold Reservation located in North Dakota. Her work with the Indigenous Environmental Network started in February 2007, working with over 30 tribal colleges, on projects ranging from initiating recycling programs, community tree plantings, small-scale community solar panel installations, and community gardens. She has since expanded into the international arena, within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. She organizes at the international level on Indigenous Rights and to raise awareness on environmental injustice issues. Kandi’s current focus is on creating awareness about the environment and social devastation of hydraulic fracturing on Tribal lands.

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Today’s fight for energy and climate justice has been redefined in both Canada and the United States by a new sophistication in resistance from Indigenous social movements, such as the international Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign, Idle No More, and dozens of local examples in which Indigenous communities have effectively expressed community self-determination. Indigenous Peoples across North America have mastered the use of base-building strategies, including non-violent direct action, financial choke point tactics, and lobbying amplified by social media technologies and conventional media strategies. Rooted in a strong Indigenous spiritual foundation, these strengths have placed Indigenous Peoples in the forefront of the fight against neoliberalism and its worst manifestation: climate change and the associated drivers, such as Canada's tar sands and the dozens of battle zones across the continent where the promotion of hydraulic fracturing is threatening the water of hundreds of municipalities, First Nations, and Native American Nations.