

Women In Leadership Development

We are pleased to announce that the 14th Annual Women In Leadership Development Conference will be held at the Hilton East Brunswick, March 3-4, 2017.

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. This year in particular will feature prominent speakers on the subjects of organizing and leadership.

While the election results were not what we had hoped for, unions will continue to play a critical role in lifting up the voices of working families. Your leadership in our mission to build the labor movement will be as important as ever.

We will expand on the economic lessons from past conferences with a power-building curriculum that provides participants the year-round strategies and tools needed to address the most pressing economic challenges facing working families and their unions.

One of the key goals of this conference is to examine leadership strategies to move forward while strengthening ourselves and our unions. WILD has prepared us to persevere no matter the circumstances, and the lessons this year will equip participants with the confidence to overcome any and all challenges.

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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“When you put your hand to the plow, you can't put it down until you get to the end of the row”
— Alice Paul

**14th Annual (WILD)
Women in Leadership
Development**



Forging Ahead
Strength through
Solidarity

March 3-4, 2017

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 3, 2017

5:00 p.m. Registration

5:30 p.m. Reception

WELCOME

Charles Wowkanech
President

Laurel Brennan
Secretary-Treasurer

6:30 p.m. Plenary Session

Union Women Build a Stronger, More Diverse Movement

Keynote Speaker: Esther López
Secretary-Treasurer, UFCW International

Esther López is a nationally recognized voice for women and minorities and the first woman elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of UFCW International. She is a tireless champion for working families, who understands that the strength of our movement depends on both our diversity and determination to lead in the fight for progressive change.

As our opening speaker, Sister López will share her experience with us, so that we too can gain the resolve and tools necessary to lead through strength and solidarity, stand firm in our role as leaders, never be discouraged, and harness the power of our collective voice to advance civil, human, and labor rights around the country and around the world.

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**WILD - Women In
Leadership Development**



Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Breakfast/Plenary Session

9:00 a.m. Leadership Forum

The Resolve to Be a Leader

Jeanne M. Fox
Adjunct Professor, Princeton University

Jeannine LaRue
Founder, LaRuelist Report

Being a leader is difficult, but having the resolve to lead through challenging times such as these is another skill altogether. It takes poise, determination, and optimism. Jeanne Fox and Jeannine LaRue are accomplished leaders, who not only understand these qualities, but have put them to work themselves. This workshop will teach participants about what it takes to move forward and lead through adversarial conditions, providing the necessary tools for achieving success.

We will no doubt face challenging times with the new White House administration, but we have survived before and this time will be no different. Progress is never achieved without setbacks, and remaining resolute in our values and goals is essential. This leadership forum will provide an environment to learn about and discuss the issues that affect us as working women and will empower each of us to prepare for the battles ahead.

Jeanne M. Fox is an Adjunct Professor at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, at Rutgers and at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. She served as Commissioner of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, leading the development of clean energy policies, and promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Jeannine LaRue, founder of the blog LaRuelist Report and Senior Vice President of the Kaufman Zita Group, has spent almost 40 years serving the public on policy, governmental, and political issues in the public and private sectors. She has been listed on PolitickerNJ's 100 Most Influential Persons in New Jersey and appeared on the Top 30 Most Powerful Women in NJ Politics.

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
106 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

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 "NJ AFL-CIO WILD" to receive the discounted room rate of **\$109** (tax not included).

Overnight self-parking is included in the room rate – valet parking is an additional charge.

To guarantee room availability, the deadline is **Friday, February 10, 2017.**