

A close-up photograph of dark, moist soil. Several small, green seedlings are sprouting from the ground. One seedling in the center has a bright red root visible above the soil surface.

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# Welcome to the 2nd Soil Not Oil International Conference

As many of us know, for over a century the thirst for oil has been catapulted by the illusion of growth and prosperity by “rich” countries that have been exploiting the resources of nations that they consider “poor” because of their autonomous subsistence management of resources and because their cultural values and traditions don’t fit the expectations of capitalism. Modern imperialism hasn’t been much different than old colonialism, it continues causing the displacement and exploitation of hundreds of millions of people. Not only by forced labor, land grabbing and unequal trade agreements, but also by developing tactics of intellectual ownership of resources and traditional knowledge.

The globalization of economy, the development of new technologies and satellite connection, offer to us instantaneous pictures of what is going on in each corner of the planet, from the most isolated island to the peak of the highest mountain, from the depths of the oceans to beautiful hidden valleys, and we know based on facts backed by new research, that life has been changing dramatically. At the same time the factors of distraction in this evolving world have become so aggressive that new generations of humans can access hundreds of times more information than the previous generations but can only transform smaller fractions of that information into knowledge, and in the midst of this informational pollution, data concerning climate change can easily get lost in the cult of self-centrism.

The Anthropocene has been characterized by the belief that man can control the cycles of life, and manipulate the earth in order to profit, but as we all know humans are causing one of the most major extinctions of biodiversity; flora and fauna are in peril and contrary to popular belief, humans can’t escape from this danger. Today we are exposed to the greatest challenge in history, we need to adapt quickly if we want to survive as a species on a planet drastically impacted by deforestation, biodiversity erosion, desertification, rapidly changing weather patterns and ocean acidification. The challenge of climate change presents an opportunity to break free from the anthropocentric world-view, requiring us to re-connect with lost traditions and embrace our interconnectedness.

The Soil Not Oil Coalition is committed to continue educating, fighting to keep fossil fuels in the ground while sequestering carbon by increasing soil organic matter and restoring ecosystems, because we know that is the only way to build a movement for a livable climate for future generations and environmental justice for marginalized communities and oppressed nations.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I want to welcome you to the 2nd Soil Not Oil International Conference, which was inspired in the book “Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis”, written by my friend and personal hero, Dr. Vandana Shiva, and we hope that during this conference you get inspired by over a hundred amazing speakers.

Finally I would like to thank all our sponsors, the City council of Richmond and the dozens of supporting organizations and dedicated volunteers that made this event possible.

In solidarity!

Miguel Robles, Core Organizer of the Soil Not Oil Conference

# **2016 Soil Not Oil International Conference**

## **August 5th and 6th**

### **QUICK VIEW of Two Day Schedule**

#### **DAY ONE**

Registration and Breakfast	8:00 AM
Ceremony & Welcoming	9:00 AM
Plenary I	9:15 AM
Plenary II	10:25 AM
Workshops	11:35 AM
Lunch	1:15 PM
Plenary III	2:00 PM
Plenary IV	3:00 PM
Workshops	4:10 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM
Keynote Speaker - Andrew Kimbrell	7:00 PM

#### **DAY TWO**

Registration and Breakfast	8:00 AM
Welcoming	9:00 AM
Plenary V	9:15 AM
Plenary VI	10:25 AM
Workshops	11:35 AM
Lunch	1:15 PM
Plenary VII	2:00 PM
Plenary VIII	3:00 PM
Workshops	4:10 PM

The Soil Not Oil Coalition would like to thank all the individuals and organizations that came together to make this conference possible. We believe these issues to be the most important of our time and feel grateful to be among the like-minded.

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# DAY ONE

## August 5th, 2016

Registration and Breakfast 8:00 AM  
(light breakfast provided by sponsors)

Opening Ceremony by Corrina Gould (Ohlone Leader)  
and Welcoming by Richmond Mayor Tom Butt 9:00 AM

### **Plenary I 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM**

#### **Agro-Ecological Practices for a Livable Climate**

**Location:** Main Stage

**Speakers:** John Jeavons – Executive Director, Ecology Action  
Penny Livingston-Stark – Co-Founder and Instructor, Regenerative Design Institute  
Paul Kaiser – Awarded No-till Farmer, Singing Frogs Farm

**Facilitator:** Kendra Klein – Staff Scientist, Friends of the Earth

### **Special Remarks from Congressman Jared Huffman 10:15 – 10:25**

### **Plenary II 10:25 AM – 11:25 AM**

#### **Soil Solutions to Climate Change**

**Location:** Main Stage

**Speakers:** David Montgomery – Author and Professor of Geomorphology,  
University of Washington

Kristin Ohlson – Journalist and Author | *The Soil Will Save Us*

Rebecca Burgess – Founder and Executive Director of Fibershed

**Facilitator:** Diana Donlon – Director of Food and Climate, Center for Food Safety

### **- Breakout Workshop Sessions -**

#### **11:35 AM – 1:10 PM**

#### **The Hidden Half of Nature: The Microbial Roots of Life and Health**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**David R. Montgomery** (Author, MacArthur Fellow and Professor of  
Geomorphology at the University of Washington)

**Anne Biklé** (Author and Biologist)

**Description:** The session will share information about the new view of the microbial world. The burgeoning field of microbiome science reveals that working with the tiniest creatures on Earth is key to restoring life to soils and health to our bodies. We'll share the stunning similarities we uncovered between the root of a plant and the human gut that could transform how we grow food and counter the onset of chronic diseases. We'll give you general principles and tips for creating and sustaining a thriving microbiome—both inside of you and in the soil. The secret? safeguarding and cultivating the beneficial microbial allies beneath our feet and in our bodies. Working with them could transform agriculture and medicine—through merging the mind of an ecologist with the care of a gardener and the skills of a doctor.

## **Organic/No-Till Orchard and Vegetable Farming Builds Soil Carbon and Reduces Insect, Disease**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Helen Atthowe** (Farmer and Horticulturist)

**Carl Rosato** (Farmer)

**Description:** We would like to present the stories of Woodleaf Farm's 30 years and Biodesign Farm's 17 years of successful organic no-till agroecology experiments and evolution to carbon farming for direct-market fruit and vegetable production. The story includes how we learned to grow our own fertilizer on-farm, reduce and eliminate weeding and spraying for pests in the context of what is possible and what can be expected from a locally based, sustainable food system.

## **Keep It in the Ground: Building a Movement for a Climate-Safe Future**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Valerie Love** (Clean Energy Campaigner at Center for Biological Diversity)

**Ruth Breech** (Senior Campaigner with Rainforest Action Network's Climate and Energy team)

**Description:** Learn how Keep It in the Ground campaign is building the movement to ensure a climate-safe future and to protect America's public lands and waters. The Keep It in the Ground campaign has brought together grassroots groups and national organizations to call on President Obama to end new federal fossil fuel leasing. These organizations and communities from across the country are standing up for our future by issuing administrative appeals, lawsuits, petitions, running corporate campaigns, engaging in direct action, creating strategic media opportunities and grassroots organizing. In this session, we will discuss how individuals can build on the growing Keep It in the Ground movement on the local and national scale.

## **Advancing Agricultural Solutions to Climate Change in California: A Policy Update**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Adam Kotin** (Assoc. Policy Director California Climate & Agriculture Network-CalCAN)

**Virginia Jameson** (Deputy State Director of American Farmland Trust)

**Description:** As part of its efforts to combat climate change, the State of California has begun to acknowledge and reward the multi-benefit climate solutions that exist in our agriculture sector. Learn the how and the why of the policies and programs that target greenhouse gas reductions and carbon sequestration on California farms and ranches.

## **Mamaceqtaw Sustainable Agriculture in the Great Lakes Region**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Marcus Grignon** (Hempstead Project Heart)

**Description:** Mamaceqtaw or the Menominee as they are known today have practiced sustainable agriculture for over 10,000 years. Their descendants still carry on the tradition today and teach the next seven generations on the importance of infusing ancient traditions with contemporary knowledge. The presentation will

discuss the agronomy the Menominee built and maintained up until 1848 when Wisconsin became a state. As well as the methods and ancient soil recipes the Menominee use for their carbon farming. This soil management contributed to a large scale organic farming operation that sustained many bands of the tribal nation. We are utilizing this sustainable agriculture method today to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

## Subsistoration and the Sanctity of Life

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Brien Brennan** (Researcher and Planner at the Elder Creek Ecological Preserve)

**Description:** If humans wish to diminish anthropogenic climate disruption and prevent our own extinction, we will not only have to stop the degradation of the living world, we will have to transition to a way of living that reveres and restores the ecological foundations of our existence: soil, water, and biodiversity. Agriculture feeds humans now, but it simultaneously undermines these foundations. Even without the global climate disaster, most of California would still be desertifying due to agricultural practices that deplete soil, destroy effective water cycles and consume habitat. A transition to a subsistence food system based on acorn and pastoralism that requires oak woodland restoration is the best path to sustainable, place-based human cultures for the vast areas of California where oak woodlands once proliferated. Requiring wide-scale land reform and an unprecedented shift in morality, this path—done right—could restore soil and water while assisting the migration of nonhumans as the climate crisis accelerates.

## Scales of Food Movement Organizing – Presentation and Workshop

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Antonio Roman-Alcalá** (Educator, Researcher, Writer, Musician and Father)

**Description:** In this workshop, participants will explore the various scales at which our movements work: from on the ground growing food and challenging fossil fuel industry, to national level policy change, and alliance building internationally. Antonio Roman-Alcalá will elaborate on the different scales based on his experience as a long-time organizer with Alemany Farm, the San Francisco Urban Agriculture Alliance, the California Food Policy Council and the Agroecology Forum. Following Antonio's introduction of these projects, and discussion of the tensions and challenges involved in them, we will open to a facilitated discussion about attendees' projects. By sharing our experiences, we will learn from each other, and make useful connections to aid our work. We will strategize on how to effectively work to make connections between efforts at all levels.

## Pesticides and Pollinators: Policy, Practice, Activism

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Patricia Algara** (Permaculture Designer, Teacher and Co-Founder and Principal of BASE)

**Description:** Increased awareness about the importance of designed pollinator habitat has unfortunately not been matched by frank discussions about the risks of systemic pesticides in nursery-grown plants. Come investigate topics around pesticides & pollinators and learn how growers, policy-makers, landscape architects

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and garden designers can work together to create change at multiple levels. Learn about the complex relationship between pollinators, plants, and people. Examine how pollinator habitats are equally dependent upon maintenance agreements as upon initial landscape designs. Discover ways to support pollinators – from home landscapes to national forums.

## **Pathway to Resiliency: Permaculture, Visionary Solutions From Around the Globe**

**Location:** Farallon Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Penny Livingston-Stark** (Co-Founder and Instructor, Regenerative Design Institute)

**Description:** Penny will share stories about her work in the field of teaching Permaculture Design Internationally and how it is being received by various cultures around the world. Penny has shared powerful solutions for cultural repair and community resiliency with Indigenous to Western Industrialized Cultures.

## **Women Leading Sustainability Solutions**

**Location:** Governor Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Osprey Orielle Lake** (Founder and Executive Director of WECAN)

**Kahea Pacheco** (Programs & Operations Manager at WEA)

**Pandora Thomas** (Teacher, Writer, Designer and Speaker)

**Claire Greensfelder** (Director of INOCHI)

**Description:** During this dynamic, interactive session co-hosted by WEA, Earthseed, INOCHI and WECAN, we will be highlighting why and how women worldwide are innovators and agents of change in sustainability and climate change solutions.

The session will focus on Indigenous, rural and grassroots women and the diverse array of visions and strategies with which they are working to shape a healthy and equitable world. We will address the critical intersection of women, sustainability and environment including: why women are essential to any successful sustainability effort; examining the impact of environmental violence from extractive industries on Indigenous women and supporting their community-based resistance efforts; supporting small-scale women farmers and forest home gardeners in India to preserve seeds, traditional knowledge, and the environment; supporting women-led efforts to stop fossil fuel extraction and protect forests; address clean and safe renewable energy; and explore women leading the permaculture revolution. Stand with us as women lead the way! (Special note: Men are very welcome to this session and are important contributors to this effort).

## **Wild Vegetable Fermentation**

**Location:** Hawaiian Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Tara Whitsitt** (Nomadic Artist, Educator, and Food Activist)

**Description:** Fermentation empowers us with a way to put away food that heals our bodies, celebrates age-old traditions, and promotes healthy ecosystems. Discover this traditional preservation method and learn about the cost effective and simple tools involved. Go home knowing how to creatively and fearlessly ferment vegetables in your own kitchen, whether it's small or large. This workshop includes a hands-on demonstration.

## **Songs to Power our Movement**

**Location:** Lobby Annex

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Bonnie Lakhart**

**Description:** Occupella offers this hands-on, voices-on sharing of songs to empower our movement for a sustainable world. This is not a performance, but rather a song sharing to promote the participatory culture of protest and joy that we have observed in all movements that thrive and grow. We will lead all the participants in singing, demonstrating the kinds of music we bring to rallies and events for Climate Justice, Antiwar, No GMO, Save the Gill Track and other social justice events. We will provide song sheets and other resources to help activists infuse their meetings and public events with the power of community-made music. At this time, when both the threats of climate change and worsening economic crisis demand the united response of a “movement of movements,” we offer singing together as a harmonious path toward our unity, an invaluable skill for communicating our passions and ideas, and a visceral experience of our communal power.

## **350 Bay Area - Climate Organizing In The Bay Area - Key Issues And Expanding Connections**

**Location:** Library Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Kathy Dervin** (Co-Founder of 350 Bay Area)

**Anne Cummings Jacopetti** (Organizer with 350 Sonoma)

**Terry Harrison** (Leader in the Sonoma County agricultural community)

**Description:** Covers the various campaigns and activities, including legislative advocacy, of the group, all focused on heading off the climate emergency.

Highlighted will be at least one campaign of one of its local groups that is related specifically to “Soil, Not Oil”.

## **Self-Care for Joyful Activism**

**Location:** Library Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Christy Tennery-Spalding** (Self-Care Mentor, Healer and Climate Justice Activist)

**Description:** Since we are living at such a critical time, we must address the monumental challenges before us with the best of what we have to offer. Unfortunately, the complexity, urgency, and heaviness of this work often leads to significant burnout among activists. Not only does this cause significant health issues for activists, but it deprives our social movements of critical leadership and institutional knowledge. This workshop will explore burnout, its causes, and how to heal it. In order to be effective, our movements need to be sustainable. We need to care for ourselves and one another through the process, not just when we claim victory. In this workshop, we will explore how to shift our organizational culture to prevent and heal burnout, as well as practices for individuals who are grappling with grief, anxiety, exhaustion, and other by-products of doing such critical work. In order to heal our world, we also need to commit to healing, ourselves and our communities.

## **Seed Library Tours**

**Location:** Seeds Library

**Times:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Rebecca Newburn** (Co-Founder of Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library)

**Description:** Seed libraries are a community-based response to the loss of genetic diversity, climate change, economic instability and food deserts. Take a tour of Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library, located in the same complex as the conference. Richmond Grows has been a pioneer in the seed library movement from designing a “create a library” template used to launch hundreds of seed libraries around the world to partnering on the National Save Seed Sharing Campaign, which was a response to legal challenges to seed libraries. Learn about how to start and maintain a seed library as well as hear updates on legislative advocacy happening around the US. Find out how to connect with local, regional and international hubs to support seed saving at the community level.

## **LUNCH BREAK: 1:15 - 2:00 (Lunch is not provided)**

## **Plenary III 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

### **GMO's 2.0 Synthetic Biology, Agro-Ecology and The Future of Food**

**Location:** Main Stage

Dana Perls – Senior Food and Technology Campaigner, Friends of the Earth

Maywa Montenegro de Wit – Fellow with Berkeley Food Institute & National Science Foundation

Monica Moore – Program Director for Emerging Technologies, CS Fund

Gopal Dayaneni – Staff Collective of Movement Generation, Justice and Ecology Project

**Facilitator:** Claire Hope Cummins – Environmental Attorney, Journalist and Author

## **Plenary IV 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

### **OCEANS**

**Location:** Main Stage

Alfredo Quarto – Co-Director and Founder of the Mangrove Action Project

John Roulac – Founder and CEO of Nutiva and Co-Founder of GMO Inside

Abel Vivian – Ocean Scientist with Center for Biological Diversity

**Facilitator:** Miguel Robles – Co-Founder of Biosafety Alliance

## **- Breakout Workshop Sessions - 4:10 PM – 5:45 PM**

## **REGENETARIAN Vision: A New Dietary Movement And Identity**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM – 4:55 PM

**David Bronner** (Cosmic Engagement Officer (CEO), Dr. Bronner's Organic Products)

**Description:** A new dietary movement and identity that chooses food sourced from regenerative farmers and ranchers who grow healthy crops and raise animals humanely on pasture, in a way that builds organic matter and sequesters excess carbon in soil, helping mitigate climate change. Recognizes that omnivores, vegetarians and vegans can all be healthy, sustainable and regenerative. Affirms

that grassfed / pastured animals raised with holistic management practices can be good for people and the environment, and decent for the animals. Regenetarian omnivores and vegetarians are willing to spend more for, and eat less overall, correctly raised regenerative meat, dairy and eggs. Conversely, animals raised in confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) fed conventional grain are an environmental and ethical disaster. Thus, a boycott of “bad meat” is a hallmark of the regenetarian movement, along with CAFO eggs and dairy. Regenetarian vegans for their part are committed to eat regenerative organic grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables, and model the discipline for their regenetarian omnivore comrades to just say no to bad meat.

## **Food Justice in the Bay: Race, Land, Privilege and Resistance**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Leo Orleans** (Planting Justice)

**Aunti Frances Moore** (Self-Help Hunger Program)

**Hank Herrera** (New Hope Farms)

**Kelly Carlisle** (Acta Non Verba)

**Gerardo Marin** (Rooted In Community)

**Facilitated by Ana Galvis** (MESA)

**Description:** This break-out panel will explore the challenges created by the white supremacist neoliberal patriarchy in the food system and the strategies of food justice activists in the Bay Area. We'll discuss power dynamics in the food system, the root causes of the inequitable status quo, and why grassroots organizing is critical for change. Presenters will speak about their work promoting frontline leadership and amplifying black and brown voices to address structural violence and create dignified living alternatives.

## **Participatory Community Infrastructure in the Dominican Republic**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Jon Katz** (Coordinator of the Rural Alternative Center of El Limon - CAREL)

**Description:** How it came about that 20,000 rural Dominicans now produce their own environmentally benign electricity, how it has changed their lives, and how the concept of participatory community infrastructure can be applied to other needs of rural life.

## **Our Children's Trust and Youth Securing Constitutional Climate Rights**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Julia Olson** (Founder of Our Children's Trust)

**Miko and Isaac Vergun** (two of 21 youth plaintiffs in a landmark constitutional lawsuit against the U.S. and the fossil fuel industry)

**Description:** Julia Olson and her plaintiffs Miko and Isaac will talk about their landmark constitutional climate case against the U.S. and the fossil fuel industry by 21 youth and climate scientist Dr. James Hansen, on behalf of future generations. This lawsuit is one of many legal actions brought around the country and globally to secure the legal rights of youth to a stable climate, healthy atmosphere and oceans as part of a strategic legal campaign.

## **Can Land Belong to Those Who Work It?**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Ildi Carlisle-Cummins** (Director of the Cal Ag Roots Project at the California Institute for Rural Studies)

**Janaki Jagannath** (Coordinator, Community Alliance for Agroecology)

**Sarah Cain** (Outreach Coordinator, California Institute for Rural Studies)

**Description:** The Cal Ag Roots Project of California Institute for Rural Studies puts historical roots under current California food and farming change movements by telling the story of California agricultural development in innovative, useful and relevant ways. This live, multimedia performance of the Cal Ag Roots podcast will tell the story of the Fresno-based organization National Land for People (NLP), bringing in the voices of the members themselves, home movies, historical footage, recent interviews and live narration. It explores their battle in the 1970's and 80's to enforce water laws that would have limited the size of farms in the Central Valley of California and made prime farmland available to farmworkers and small farmers. This will be followed by a discussion about NLPs relevance to current work in the Valley.

## **India's Vanishing Water: Crises and Community in the Western Ghats**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Anandi Gandhi** (Researcher, Farmer and Permaculturist)

**Description:** The presentation will focus on Grampari's work mainly with watershed management in villages of the Western Ghats mountain ranges of Maharashtra; a state increasingly affected by drought and climate change in India. Grampari is a small not-for-profit organization working with rural communities within this biodiversity hotspot. The main thrust of Grampari's watershed work is on protection and recharge of springs and aquifers through a community based approach. The implementation of springs management and spring-shed development methods have had a direct impact on drought mitigation and increased accessibility of water for villagers and farmers in 14 villages. The presentation will highlight how a large amount of strategic, determined and compassionate community building work has created a space for the emergence of an understanding of water as a common pool resource and the formation of the Bhujaldharak Samiti (Aquifer Protection Committee). This committee is the first of its kind in India, and its members are from 6 villages dependent on the health of the aquifer. These simple solutions aim at providing both long-term ecological conservation and deep personal change.

## **National Policy Proposal that Engages Conventional Farmers in a Steady, Staged, Predictable Transition to Carbon Farming**

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Elli Sparks** (Director of Field Development for Citizens' Climate Lobby)

**Description:** Farmers and consumers attending Soil Not Oil stand at the cutting edge of carbon farming and polyculture, the kind of agriculture production necessary to both feed ourselves globally and stabilize the climate in the 21st century. Conventional farmers must join our ranks within the next two decades if we are to succeed in these goals. How do we refine the focus of the economic picture so conventional farmers quickly and thoughtfully take the leap into carbon farming?

Join us as we explore two national policy options that require fossil fuels to pay their true costs to society. We will discuss the pros and cons of each option and how it relates to the conventional farmer and his or her journey to carbon farming.

## **Workshop - Gmo's 2.0 Synthetic Biology, Agroecology And The Future Of Food**

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Dana Perls** (Senior Food and Technology Campaigner, Friends of the Earth)

**Description:** This workshop will take a deeper dive into next generation genetic engineering and the novel problems it poses. We'll discuss the environmental, health and socio-economic concerns, potential impacts on agroecology, and what you can do to get involved. Come join this critical conversation!

## **Energy Use in Agriculture & Soil Building and the GB Method**

**Location:** Farallon Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Steve Moore** (Professor of AgroEcology at Elon University, North Carolina)

**John Jeavons** (Director of NGO Ecology Action, Author, Educator, Agricultural Researcher and Master Farmer)

**Description:** A dynamic, practical, proactive comparison of GROW BIOINTENSIVE and conventional farming, energy use, soil building practices and paths with the goal to enable farmers and gardeners to make the best practices energy choices.

## **Indigenous Rising: Idle No More SF Bay**

**Location:** Governor Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Pennie Opal Plant** (Yaqui, Choctaw, Cherokee, Mexican and European ancestry)

**Alison Ehara-Brown** (Protector and Defender of Mother Earth)

**Isabella Zizi** (Northern Cheyenne, Arikara and Muskogee Creek ancestry)

**Dr. Melinda Micco** (Seminole, Creek and Choctaw ancestry)

**Description:** Idle No More SF Bay, led by a group of Indigenous grandmothers, made a commitment in 2014 to organize a series of four healing walks over a period of four months for four years from one fossil fuel impacted community to another in the Northeast San Francisco Bay. The Refinery Healing Walks are led by Native Americans in prayer. Praying for clean, water, soil, safe jobs and a just transition to safe, clean renewable energy, the walks have been successful in raising awareness about the five refineries and the relationships between local, national and international fossil fuel impacts. There have been hundreds of people from 7 to 70+ years old who have walked with Idle No More SF Bay between 10 and 13+ miles.

## **Soil Economics and Slow Money: Fundraising for the Local Ecology**

**Location:** Hawaiian Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Theo Ferguson** (Founder, Healing Living Systems)

**Arno Hesse** (Co-Founder, Credibles and Slow Money Northern California)

**Constance Washburn** (Educator, Activist, and Organizer)

**Nicole Deane** (Communications Coordinator, Planting Justice)

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**Description:** Not waiting for Wall Street: While our community projects shape the way for a livable and prosperous future the mainstream investing world has been mostly ignoring us. So far, the 1% had superior levers to influence the flow of capital. That's changing. New paths have been opening up for communities to fund projects and businesses important to our vitality and resilience. Crowdfunding is now becoming a more serious funding source. In Slow Money, entrepreneurs and local investors have come together to rebuild local economies, starting with food and agriculture. We'll take a look at the community funding options. Let's learn from investment stories in Northern California.

## Imagining a World Without Fossil Fuels

**Location:** Lobby Annex

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Annie Hallatt** (Educator, Artist and Maskmaker)

**Description:** We plan to provide various art media to assist people to use their imaginations to depict a fossil free future. We would also like to explore why it is so hard for people to do this. Like last year we will provide tables and all art materials needed for the project as well as finished art we created in advance for inspiration.

## Soil and Resource Recovery after Destruction from War Activities

**Location:** Library Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Katherine Sheetz** (Sustainable Developer and Soil Builder)

**Carol Murry** (Medical Doctor and Researcher)

**David Schermerhorn** (retired film executive and explorer)

**Description:** Our goal is to highlight another huge source of damage to our ecosystems: war. Dr. Carol Murry, David Schermerhorn, and Kathy Sheetz will review aspects of the impact one small civilian population due to use of enormously powerful and toxic warfare equipment. Explore innovative solutions to initial rehabilitation of the soil, repair or temporary solutions for damaged water infrastructure. Discussion will highlight global responsibility of this kind of environmental devastation due to these wars/aggression as well as effective ways to reach out and assist these vulnerable populations technically. However, politically there is work to be done as well. Addressing the responsibility by all players, including powerful armies and their governments.

## From College to Farm

**Location:** Library Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Robina Bhatti** (Professor at California State University)

**Description:** Presentation will focus on bringing College or University students to organic farms and informing them about how agroecology works best in the face of climate change. I will draw upon my experience of teaching a class on global ecology and agriculture at California State University, Monterey Bay. It takes students out into the field to compare industrial and agroecological practices around the world. Besides involving students, I am also a first year trainee in ALBA's (Agricultural Land-Based Training Association) Incubator Program and started farming in February of this year. In both College and Farm, I draw upon global knowledge and practices to bring College to farm.

## **Community Dinner 6:00**

(Provided by Sponsors, cooked and served by volunteers)

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANDREW KIMBRELL 7:00 PM - In the Auditorium**



Andrew Kimbrell is an internationally recognized public interest attorney, public speaker and author. He is founder and Executive Director of Center for Food Safety. He also is Director of the San Francisco based Center for Technology Assessment, co-founder of Foundation Earth and President of the Board of Humane Farm Animal Care, which administers the Certified Humane label.

As an attorney, Kimbrell has successfully challenged federal agencies in several historic court cases, including initiating a U.S. Supreme Court victory forcing, for the first time, EPA regulation of Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change and a recent Supreme Court ruling holding that DNA is not patentable due to it being a "product of nature." He also through his leadership at CFS has been at the forefront of legal challenges to approvals of genetically engineered crops, maintaining the integrity of the organics standards and winning a legal battle to force the FDA to adopt new food safety regulations.

## **DAY TWO**

**August 6th, 2016**

<b>Registration and Breakfast (light breakfast provided by sponsors)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Welcoming by Council Member Gayle McLaughlin</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>

### **Plenary V 9:15 AM- 10:15 AM**

#### **Land Grabbing**

**Location:** Main Stage

**Speakers:** Mario Romero Luna – Tribal Secretary Yaqui (Yoeme) Tribe of Vicam (Sonora Mexico)

Elizabeth Fraser – Policy Analyst at the Oakland Institute

Luis Magaña – Organizer at Project Voz, Americans Friends Service Committee

**Facilitator:** Antonio Roman Alcala – Sustainable Foods Systems Campaigner, Friends of the Earth

## **Plenary VI 10:25 AM – 11:25 AM**

### **Keep it in the Ground**

**Location:** Main Stage

**Speakers:** Leila Salazar – Executive Director of Amazon Watch

Ruth Breech – Senior Campaigner with Rainforest Action Network's Climate and Energy team

Andres Soto – Richmond Community Organizer for Communities for a Better Environment

Mia Reback – Lead Organizer at 350PDX

**Facilitator:** Valerie Love – Clean Energy Campaigner Center for Biological Diversity

### **- Breakout Workshop Sessions -**

**11:35 AM – 1:10 PM**

#### **Building a Movement for a Livable Climate and Environmental Justice**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Miguel Robles** (Soil Not Oil Coalition)

**Description:** Join us for an open conversation to creatively explore how to build an inclusive movement that unites all the various interconnected issues relating to climate change and in relationship with land grabbing, human displacement and corporate consolidation. Discuss how we can build necessary alliances between campaigns against fossil fuel extraction with the growing movement supporting agro-ecological practices not only for local and organic food production purposes, but to sequester carbon back into soils.

#### **Electing a New Food System and Challenging Corporate Power: From the Voting Booths to The Dinner Table**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Ashley Schaeffer Yildiz** (Responsible Food Campaigner at Rainforest Action Network)

**Christopher Cook** (Award-winning writer and author of *Diet for a Dead Planet*)

**Description:** From industrial Conflict Palm Oil plantations and climate threatening meat production, to a global corporate food system reliant on fossil fuels and labor exploitation, Ashley Schaeffer Yildiz and Christopher Cook discuss the politics driving our food crises, and what we can do about it.

#### **Organize for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 100% Renewable Energy**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Gail Williamson** (Secretary-Treasurer National Equal Justice Association - NEJA)

**Description:** The U.S. joined 192 nations in adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, hunger and for a sustainable environment to combat climate change. The U.S. government has done nothing to promote and implement this agenda and

is undermining the ability of communities to attain these fundamental rights. Among those goals are actions to ensure availability and sustainable management of water (Goal 6), to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (Goal 7) and to combat climate change and its impacts (Goal 13). Instead the government prioritizes unsafe, polluting fossil fuels and hydraulic fracturing over the health and welfare of our communities, the nation and the planet.

## **Urban Farming on Public Land Using Recycled Water**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Carolyn Phinney** (President of AgLantis (501c-3) and the Executive Director of the CoCo San Sustainable Farm)

**Bethallyn Black** (Vice-President of AgLantis and the Director of Agriculture and Education at the CoCo San Sustainable Farm)

**Michael McGill** (Board Member, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District)

**Description:** Schools cannot afford \$1 a day to feed a child a salad. The Food Bank cannot get enough fresh vegetables. We will be providing low cost, sustainably grown produce.

## **Returning Buffalo To Native Lands, Lives And Economies**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Lisa Colombe** (Sustainable Buffalo Herd Developer for Native American Natural Foods – Sicangu Lakota)

**Faye Brown** (Campaign Coordinator for the Tanka Fund)

**Description:** This workshop will give insight into a historic campaign to return buffalo to Native lands, lives and economies as a strategy to renew the soil, prairie ecosystem, cultural vitality, personal health and local meaningful livelihood. How does this keystone species impact the land? Why does it make sense to include indigenous species restoration in the overarching work of regenerative agriculture? How does building local food systems around buffalo on Great Plains reservations contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation? What is the role of the growing buffalo market in leveraging and re-establishing a buffalo economy on Indian reservations? Can returning buffalo to Indian Country act as a driver of systemic change for a just and sustainable future? The workshop will also provide an overview of the history of buffalo in America, the deep interconnection between buffalo and Native peoples and the healing brought by their return. We will address the century old system of land dispossession, obstacles to developing sustainable buffalo herds in Indian Country today and how these obstacles are being overcome.

## **Alternative Agriculture: Food and Social Justice for All**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Dr. Ann Lopez** (Awarded Food Justice Activist, Scientist and Founder/Executive Director of Center for Farm Worker Families)

**Description:** The current agro-industrial farming model is anathema to ecological principles that maintain and restore the biosphere. Agro-industrial farming is responsible for 30 – 40% of so-called greenhouse gases, uses a tremendous amount oil-based synthetic agrochemicals and pesticides, and much of it is dependent on a

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virtual class of slave laborers who often live in grinding poverty. The global neoliberal economic restructuring is aggravating these trends in the name of profits over the health and well-being of people and the planet. Scientific studies have shown that there are alternatives that can protect and restore the planet while providing a sustainable life for the farmworkers that maintain the crops. In this talk, we will explore three of the most common cropping systems: agro-industrial farming, agro-industrial organic farming, and agro-ecological farming. We will discuss the plight of the farmworkers that are hired into these systems and conclude with a solid direction for the future well-being of the planet and its multitude of inhabitants.

## The Gill Tract Community Farm and Visions For It's Future

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 12:20 PM

**Jon Hoffman** (Farm Manager and member of the Stewardship Council governing the UC Gill Tract Community Farm)

**Angela Mimica Godoy** (Intern Program Coordinator at the Community Farm, Architect, Master of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning 2017)

**Description:** Nearly twenty years of community protests of the University of California at Berkeley's use of the Gill Tract led to the establishment in 2014 of the small farm located at Marin and San Pablo Avenues in Albany. The UC Gill Tract Community Farm, a collaborative effort between the University and the community, focuses on community-driven research and education in the fields of food justice, urban organic farming, and agro-ecological farming practices. Presenters will discuss the current status of the farm and offer a broader vision for its future. We look towards expanding the Farm's potential as an innovative living laboratory and as a community space that fosters resilience and social healing.

## Geoengineering Induced Climate Change

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 12:25 PM - 1:10 PM

**Jolie Diane** (Worldwide Civilian Action Team)

**Description:** The science of climate intervention is Geoengineering. While promoters of climate modification schemes are eager to research their ideas to cover the Earth with a haze of sulfur particles in an attempt to block the sunlight from reaching the Earth, or extract life giving trace gas CO<sub>2</sub> from our atmosphere, these programs were actually banned at the UN in 2010 by 193 countries, in order to protect biodiversity on Earth. The Geoengineering and weather modification paradigm has quietly overtaken our climate and is polluting our air, soil and water every day.

## Regenerative Farming and Hemp with Native Communities

**Location:** Farallon Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Klara Marosszék** (Director of the Australian Hemp Masonry Company)

**Description:** Klara will discuss her experiences in Australia with hemp farming, enterprise and sustainability and discuss how this relates to Native economic development. Hemp fibre crops produce an abundant source of versatile fibres from which an extraordinary variety of durable, recyclable products can be made. Few crops produce such a high biomass for manufacturing, so quickly, while cleaning up

contaminants in soils and increasing soil carbon. Industrial hemp grows well in crop rotation and improves soils for subsequent crops without chemical fertilizers and herbicides. Despite abundant evidence that we need to halt deforestation because forests contribute ecosystem services that are critical for survival, we currently produce inferior quality paper from trees, when we know that hemp produces better paper that can be recycled multiple times using fewer chemicals. Hemp production is ideally suited to co-operative farming and processing and creates an opportunity to develop small and large scale value added industries. Hemp also produces non-toxic, healthy, carbon-sequestering housing materials.

## **Soil4Climate: Adding Hope to the Climate Movement**

**Location:** Governor Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Seth J. Itzkan** (Co-Founder for Soil4Climate)

**Description:** By sequestering excess atmospheric carbon in soil, land restoration offers hope as a climate solution. Benefits include enhanced food and water security, and the improved well-being of rural communities. Seth Itzkan, co-founder of Soil4Climate, presents scientific, policy, and activist developments of this exciting new opportunity.

## **Media Tools for Social Change**

**Location:** Hawaiian Room

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Adam Carpinelli** (Multi-instrumentalist Activist Scholar, Co-organizer for the Cascade Media Convergence)

**Tim Rice** (Portland Based Community Organizer and Videographer with B Media Collective)

**Description:** In this workshop we will cover the basics of using community media organizing from three different perspectives, and drawing on each of our diverse backgrounds and skill sets. The main sections will cover DIY media making, how to get the mainstream media to tell your story (called earned media), and an introduction to models of collaborative media networks. Specific examples of skills we can teach are; ripping and converting video materials for use in DIY video production, organizing a press conference, and how to conduct a radio interview.

## **Unrefined: How California's Addiction to Amazonian Oil is Destroying the Rainforest**

**Location:** Lobby Annex

**Time:** 11:35 AM - 1:10 PM

**Nina Gualinga** (Young Woman Leader from Sarayaku in the Ecuadorian Amazon)

**Adam Zuckerman** (Amazon Watch's Amazon Oil Campaign Manager)

**Description:** Here in California we process roughly 60% of all oil exported from the Amazon. We will explain why Amazonian oil is disastrous for the climate, biodiversity, indigenous peoples, and refinery communities in California. We will name the refineries that process it, speak about the impacts of oil in the Amazon and in refinery communities, and give participants ways to pressure them to move to Amazon-free operations and respect fence-line communities.

## **LUNCH BREAK: 1:15 - 2:00 (Lunch is not provided)**

### **Plenary VII 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

#### **Globalize the Struggle, Globalize the Hope:**

#### **Sharing Strategies for Food Sovereignty Around the World**

**Location:** Main Stage

**Speakers:** Isis Salcines – Outreach Director of the largest urban cooperative farm in Cuba

Olawumi Benedict – Head of Academics at Ghana Institute of Organic Farming

Jonnes Ellijah Mlegwah – Community Organizer at Garden of Hope, Kenya

Edgardo Garcia – General Secretary of the ATC

Nils McCune – Agroecology Student

**Facilitator:** Leah Atwood – Co-Executive Director of MESA

### **Plenary VIII 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

#### **Recognizing Rights of Nature to Keep It in the Ground**

**Location:** Main Stage

**Speakers:** Osprey Orielle Lake – Executive Director and Founder of WECAN

Nina Gualinga – Kichwa community of Sarayaku, Ecuadorian Amazon

Shannon Biggs – Co-Founder and Executive Director of Movement Rights

### **- Breakout Workshop Sessions -**

**4:10 PM – 5:45 PM**

#### **Regenerative Families: The Future of Soil**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Matt Powers** (Author, Former Public/Charter School Teacher, Homeschool Parent/Teacher)

**Description:** If we want significant, lasting change we need to start not at the policy level but with the most basic building block of every community, the family unit. Beyond even our standardized schooling, the family is the most formative context. Join us & learn how to live more regeneratively with permaculture, make better decisions with holistic management, & include everyone from babies to elders in the process. Learn how you can trap carbon as a family or a neighborhood, & pass on a legacy to your children of a regenerative future full of hope, joy, & abundance.

#### **Migrantes en Defensa del Maiz Criollo**

**Location:** Bermuda Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Luis Magaña** (Colectivo en Defensa del Maiz Criollo)

**Sergio Netzahualcoyotl** (Social, Cultural and Food Justice Activist)

**Juan Rodriguez** (Coordinador del Proyecto Eco-Tierra in Los Angeles)

**Description:** There are ongoing educational campaigns among Latino communities to save and promote native varieties of corn, join this presentation and learn from activists from Stockton, Los Angeles and San Jose, about how their communities

are suffering an epidemic of obesity, heart diseases, diabetes and other preventable diseases associated with the western diet, and how traditional dishes can help in overcoming this unfortunate crisis among people of color. (This presentation will be in Spanish with English interpretation)

## **Roundup's Wrath: Why 30 Diseases May Be Promoted by this Ubiquitous Poison?**

**Location:** Catalina Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Jeffrey Smith** (Best-selling Author and Filmmaker and the Executive Director of the Institute for Responsible Technology)

**Description:** It can destroy the delicate balance of our gut bacteria; wreak havoc in our hormones and neurotransmitters; handicap the energy centers of our bodies; promote birth defects; and probably cause cancer. And it's in our food, water, blood, urine, soil, and air. Roundup, and its active ingredient glyphosate, may have the greatest detrimental effect of any environmental toxin today.

Learn the science. Find out how to protect yourself. And help get organized to protect your community and future generations.

## **SNAP to Soil: How Food Stamps Can Drive Health & Sustainability**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Martin Bourque** (Executive Director of the Ecology Center)

**Carle Brinkman** (Farmers' Market Access & Equity Program Manager)

**Description:** Independent small farms operating outside the contract system are hotbeds of innovation. Many of the farms who sell through farmers' markets and CSAs are sequestering carbon through their practices and flexing their farming practices to adapt to climate change. But their consumer base is tiny, compared to the whole. Meanwhile, SNAP accounts for \$69 billion dollars worth of food expenditure in the US, with Walmart capturing the lion's share of those benefits. What happens when that river of food security dollars is diverted to the healthiest foods and the farmers who are practicing the most climate-forward agricultural practices? Market Match allows people to get double their benefits when they spend their SNAP benefits at farmers' markets. It creates and promotes an alternative food system based on the values of environmental protection, justice, and access to healthy food for all.

## **Why Loving Trees Will Save our Souls — and Our Asses**

**Location:** Drummond Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Jack Gescheidt** (Environmental Artist)

**Description:** The critical role of trees and forests in our lives, from the global to the personal. GLOBALLY, deforestation intersects with global warming, industrial animal farming, soil destruction, air, water and ocean pollution; PERSONALLY being in more EMOTIONAL connection with trees and the natural world immediately, powerfully deepens our understanding, our inner wisdom, and joy in our lives.

## **Turn Down the Heat with What you Eat**

**Location:** Emerald Room

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**Time:** 4:10 PM - 4:55 PM

**Eleanor Ash** (Co-Founder of The Climate Friendly Agriculture Alliance)

**Dr. Jan Kirsch** (Chairperson of The Climate Mobilization, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter)

**Description:** This fast-paced networking session will offer participants the opportunity to brainstorm, share ideas and strategize about the most efficient and timely methods to advocate for the decrease of greenhouse gases caused by industrial agriculture. Participant will partner up for a few minutes and then switch partners. This session wrap-up will be videotaped (optional for each individual) and wonderful vegan treats will be provided by The Climate Mobilization.

## **Veganic Farming: A New Proposal for the Food Movement**

**Location:** Emerald Room

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

**Nassim Nobari** (Co-Founder and Program Director of Seed the Commons)

**Matthew Loisel** (young veganic farmer, Founder of Lazy Millennial Farms)

**Description:** Nassim will speak about the ecological effects of colonization and Euro-centrism on North American food systems, tracing a historical continuum between the first European settlers and present-day agriculture. She will discuss in particular the effects of animal agriculture in California and the reasons for the high cultural value we assign to it, to the detriment of other models of producing food. This panel will then present veganic farming as a sustainable and compassionate way of growing food. Matt will provide an overview of the differences between organic and veganic farming and of some of the methods used to maintain and build soil fertility in veganic farming. He will also speak about his beginnings of research on the sustainability of his methods and his goals and explorations as his new farm moves towards an agroecological approach.

## **ReGeneration: The New Context for the Future of Humanity**

**Location:** Farallon Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Finian Makepeace** (Recording Artist, Activist and Co-Founder of Kiss the Ground)

**Description:** The talk ReGeneration: The New Context for the Future of Humanity, will go in depth into how society at large can move into a context of regenerative. Starting from our current conditioning of living in a degenerative context, we will move the audience through the context of degenerative into sustainable and then to regenerative. The presentation will use soil as the key example and ecosystems regenerative tendency as the holistic frame work. We will be including several portions of our UCLA Ted X talk. We believe that clearly defining regenerative as a new context, rather than just a step beyond sustainable, will create a new way of thinking about the future and provide the basis of hope to move humanity through this current crisis, a hope that, "We can do this!"

## **Training On How To Get Local Municipalities And School Districts To Wean Off Pesticides**

**Location:** Governor Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Susan JunFish** (Parents for Safer Environment)

**Description:** Pesticide toxicity training - efficiently profile each pesticide product's toxicity and discuss how to talk about risk to decision makers. Learn how to

use the several key databases for most of the toxicity assessment, to use a spreadsheet program to graphically present quantitative usage of pesticides, critical understanding between acute and chronic toxicity, references for peer-reviewed published research showing risk to pesticide exposure and where best to find more studies. Elucidate the pesticide industry's most common misleading techniques to coach municipality staff.

## **Direct Action Vs. Climate Change: Fighting Fossil Fuels in California**

**Location:** Hawaiian Room

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Scott Parkin** (Diablo Rising Tide)

**Corazon** (Diablo Rising Tide)

**Description:** California is being ravaged by fracking, industrial agriculture and drought. Oil spills in Santa Barbara and, most recently, Northern California have polluted our natural landscape. The oil lobby has continued to pour millions of dollars into state politics. Gov. Brown remains pro-fracking, pro-oil and pro-coal export terminal despite his assertions of "climate leadership." How do we catalyze radical action on the climate in California? Direct action is everywhere. In May, thousands took action to Break Free from Fossil Fuels in one of the largest global coordinated climate actions in history. In the Northwest, kayaktivists flooded into the waterways of Seattle and Portland to stop Shell's Arctic drilling. In Paris at the UN climate talks, thousands told the world's leaders that they must act on climate and keep fossil fuels in the ground. We see that when we act boldly, with courage and with our hearts, the world notices. Diablo Rising Tide and friends invite you to join us for a presentation on Fighting Fossil Fuels in California and then start a conversation on where to go next.

## **Black & Native Resistance for Land Liberation**

**Location:** Lobby Annex

**Time:** 4:10 PM - 5:45 PM

**Van Dell** (Queer community resistance and empowerment organizer of African and Native descent)

**Description:** Land liberation and reclamation defies the colonial claim to Indigenous land and Afrikan bodies! In the face of gentrification and the resurfacing/ongoing outcry for climate justice from within the hood, what better way to resist than land liberation? We need to not only learn how these narratives fit into one another, but to challenge ourselves to learn (or re-remember) how to get creative to collectively find solutions! And what better way than the ancestral art of story-telling as we share knowledge on land liberation? This workshop deepens why Black Resistance Matters on Turtle Island by exploring ongoing fights for food and climate justice AND for liberated land and peoples. Together, we will lay a solid foundation with a "101" on gentrification, to both understand and complicate existing narratives of gentrification as ongoing colonialism. We will honor Ohlone peoples and Black Oakland by acknowledging their land, struggles, and ancestors before diving into the larger politics around why folks are made landless. Displacement is a global crisis: it's the de-indigenizing and uprooting of people, ancestral food-sources, and land-worshipping lifeways. People will have the opportunity to narrativize their experiences with gentrification, displacement, im/migration and other colonial violences. With our foundation laid, our group will work collaboratively and creatively on reimagining landscapes and the possibilities for POC solidarity.

## The Soil Not Oil Coalition

The Soil Not Oil Coalition is a group of scientists, farmers, environmental organizations, community activists and citizens who share concerns over the decline in soil health, which is the result of the use of fossil fuels and synthetic products during the last 60 years. We believe that restructuring land management practices is key to combating climate change, restoring water cycles, reducing global environmental pollution, stopping ocean acidification, re-establishing biodiversity, improving food production and revitalizing local economies across the planet. The corporate agricultural practice of using more chemicals, more often at higher concentrations with high transportation costs, is not sustainable and deteriorates soil health and productivity, while only benefiting corporate financial interests.

Furthermore, we recognize that rapidly accelerating human-caused climate change is a current threat to food security and requires urgent action to halt the reckless and expanding fossil fuel industry. The Soil Not Oil Coalition promotes research and further understanding to optimize soil carbon sequestration and sustainability, to aid in the development of adequate food production for future generations and to help mitigate the effects of global warming.

Get the knowledge you need to support the movement and advocate for a sustainable future for all living beings.

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