Winona LaDuke

Winona LaDuke is a Harvard-educated economist, environmental activist, author, hemp farmer, grandmother, and a two-time former Green Party Vice President candidate with Ralph Nader. LaDuke specializes in rural development, economic, food, and energy sovereignty, and environmental justice. Living and working on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota, she leads several organizations including Honor the Earth, Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute, Akiing, and Winona’s Hemp. These organizations develop and model cultural-based sustainable development strategies utilizing renewable energy and sustainable food systems. She is also an international thought leader and lecturer in climate justice, renewable energy, and environmental justice, plus an advocate for protecting Indigenous plants and heritage foods.

LaDuke was named to the first Forbes list of “50 Over 50 – Women of Impact,” in partnership with Mika Brzezinski’s “Know Your Value.” In 1994, LaDuke was nominated by Time Magazine as one of America’s 50 most promising leaders under 40 years of age. In 1998, Ms. Magazine named her Woman of the Year for her work with Honor the Earth. LaDuke also has written extensively on Native American and Environmental issues, is a former board member of Greenpeace USA, and serves as co-chair of the Indigenous Women’s Network.

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