

# **WE-CAN**

## Women Empowering Climate Action Network

A year-long mentored learning cohort & eco-incubator for women & queer women in Climate Justice & Gaian Resilience
A Project of the Institute for Earth Regenerative Studies
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### **Program Information**

The Institute for Earth Regenerative Studies is a local graduate institute and adult learning center based in northeast Portland offering stellar programs at the convergence of creativity, eco-restoration, and the living wisdom traditions. One project of the Institute is WE-CAN, Women Empowering Climate Action Network, which is a year-long mentored learning and action cohort to support women and queer women in incubating community-based climate change, climate action, and climate justice projects. Our circle of 8-12 visionary-activists will meet 1-2 times per month, meet once monthly with a program mentor with relevant experience, and mentors and visionary activists will all also co-learn once a month in a larger circle. Visionary-activists, who may be sparked by background or interests in an arts-based, permaculture/ gardening/ nature-loving, or ecopreneurial approach will cross-pollinate and learn more about climate justice and Gaian resilience while nurturing their visionary projects. Encounters will include a combination of project activation training, collaborative creativity engagements, climate change learning, community organizing, ecopreneurship skill-building, and the development of a plan for launching your project.

### We are recruiting women visionary-activists to participate in our maiden cohort!

The cost for participating is a sliding scale from \$10 to \$270/month, with many partial and full scholarships available. A wide range of proposed projects will be considered, for example projects in food justice community gardening, climate murals, appropriate technology eco-businesses, women's empowerment projects, rural-urban partnerships for permaculture resilience, etc. Use your creative powers to dream Earth's next chapters...

#### **Application Form for WE-CAN**

Our <u>application</u> process allows you to gather your materials and email us your application. The types of questions include describing your project idea, providing some background information on successful projects or activities in the past, and two letters of support.

#### **Timelines**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with priority given if sent by June 22, 2015

Notifications will be rolling and will start being sent by August 1, 2015

The program runs from September 2015 through May 2016

We look forward to learning more about your ideas! www.earthregenerative.org/wecan/

