

ADVANCING NATIVE ORGANIZING

Event Recap!



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**“...IT’S IMPORTANT
TO CELEBRATE ALL THE SMALL VICTORIES,
RIGHT, AND REALLY CELEBRATE THEM
ON BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY’RE
NOT OUR INDIVIDUAL VICTORIES.
THEY REALLY ARE FOR THE GREATER GOOD.”**

-Tasha Mousseau

*(Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Kiowa,
Caddo, and Hunka Oglala Lakota)*

WHAT IS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING?

- *A method for building power, particularly in communities that have been excluded from decision making.*
- *Organizers work to build up leaders, create and advocate for solutions, and change systems. Organizers also build relationships and engage with and advocate for their communities.*

WHAT IMPACT DO NATIVE WOMEN HAVE?

- *Seventh Generation Thinking: Native women lead with a focus on the generations now and those yet to come.*
- *Reclaiming Roles + Systems: Native women organizing challenges patriarchal structures imposed by colonization and creates pathways for more inclusive governance and leadership.*

WHAT IMPACT DO NATIVE WOMEN HAVE?

- *Building Power: Native women excel in building strong networks of mutual aid, solidarity, and support.*
- *Collective and Inclusive Decision-Making: Native women emphasize holistic decision making processes, centering the voices of the most impacted and ensuring all perspectives are heard.*

WHAT IMPACT DO NATIVE WOMEN HAVE?

- *Strategic Vision: Drawing from their lived experiences Native women organizers navigate systemic barriers while creating innovative solutions to challenges like systemic inequities, lack of resources, and threats to sovereignty.*
- *Making Space for Future Leaders: Native women leaders often actively mentor and empower others, particularly youth, other women, and two spirit relatives, to step into leadership roles.*

**“IT IS A TIME FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
WOMEN AND THE TWO SPIRIT TO RISE...THIS IS
WHERE WE NEED TO GO TO ADVANCE AND TO
PROGRESS AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.”**

-Natalie Stites Means
(Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING

- *Volunteer your time*
- *Contribute to or start community fridges, little free libraries, etc.*
- *Create and give to mutual aid fundraisers*
- *Join or start a community garden*
- *Make radical art*

“MY NO. 1 RULE IS TO SHOW UP. WHETHER THAT BE PRACTICE FOR THE GAME, SHOWING UP FOR OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. ORGANIZING IS FINDING SPACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, AND SHOWING UP FOR OTHERS AND ALSO BUILDING YOUR NETWORK. SO THAT WHEN IT’S TIME THAT YOU’RE ORGANIZING SOMETHING, PEOPLE ARE READY TO SHOW UP FOR YOU...”

-Brook LaFloe

(Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa)

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