

Redesigning Our Communities for Life After Fossil Fuels

Hosted by Biodiversity for a Livable Climate
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Saturday, March 25, 2023
1:00 - 4:30 pm ET

Keynote Speaker: **Richard Heinberg**, Author, Senior Fellow, Post Carbon Institute

with Cleveland Community Leaders

- 1:00 pm** ***Welcome and Introduction***
Louise Mitchell
Event Coordinator, Development and Outreach Specialist,
Biodiversity for a Livable Climate
- 1:04 pm** ***Land Acknowledgement***
Jessica Vallejo
Secretary, The Committee of 500 Years of Dignity and Resistance,
Board Member, Lake Erie Native American Council (LENAC)
- 1:08 pm** ***Opening Remarks from Our Event Moderator***
Jess Alvarez-Parfrey
Executive Director, Transition U.S.
- 1:11 pm** ***KEYNOTE: Life After Fossil Fuels***
Richard Heinberg
Author, Senior Fellow, Post Carbon Institute
- 1:32 pm** ***Q&A***
- 1:41 pm** ***The Power of Ecosystem Restoration***
Maya Dutta
Assistant Director of Regenerative Projects, Biodiversity for a
Livable Climate

1:57 pm

Why Growing Food Must Be Our Top Priority

Philip Bogdonoff

Board Member; Director, Bio4Climate's D.C. Chapter,
Biodiversity for a Livable Climate

2:08 pm

Q&A

2:18 pm

PANEL:

Transforming Cleveland's Food Infrastructure to Rapidly and Equitably Increase Local Food Production

Ismail Samad

Co-Founder, Loiter, Chef, Social Entrepreneur, Closed Loop Food Systems Expert

Mikki Smith

CEO, MLSJ Consulting LLC, *Executive Director*, Little Africa Food Collaborative, *Education Associate*, Food Strong

Jessica Vallejo

Secretary, The Committee of 500 Years of Dignity and Resistance, *Board Member*, Lake Erie Native American Council (LENAC)

Marc White

Founding Partner, Rid-All Farm Operations Manager, Regenerative Specialist and Farmer, Rid-All Green Partnership

Jess Alvarez-Parfrey - Moderator

Executive Director, Transition U.S.

3:04 pm

Q&A

3:15 pm

Cleveland Speakers Introduce Themselves and Their Breakout Discussions

Room 1

Turning Lawns and Vacant Lots into Edible Landscapes and Urban Farms

Jamel Rahkeera

Co-Founder, Director, Urban Farmer, Village Family Farms

Mari Keating

Founder, Teacher, Permaculture Designer, Food Not Lawns Cleveland

Room 2

Education and Skillbuilding Without Schooling: Models for the Transition to Life After Fossil Fuels

Kelly Clark

Owner, President, Kelly's Working Well Farm, Founder, Chagrin Valley Learning Collective

Elijah Willis

Livestock Producer and Processor, Rabbit Hide Tanner, Kelly's Working Well Farm, Permaculture Student, Chagrin Valley Learning Collective

Room 3

"THE LAND" - Justice, Equity and Access

Mikki Smith

CEO, MLSJ Consulting LLC
Executive Director, Little Africa Food Collaborative
Education Associate, Food Strong

Jessica Vallejo

Secretary, The Committee of 500 Years of Dignity and Resistance
Board Member, Lake Erie Native American Council (LENAC)

Angela Sayles

CEO, Little Africa Food Cooperative, Member & Market Research
Facilitator, National Black Food & Justice Alliance

Room 4

Fire, Mud and Scrap: Almost Free Heat for Your Home or Greenhouse with a Rocket Mass Heater

Chris McClellan, aka "Uncle Mud"

Educator, Builder, Writer, UncleMud.com

Room 5

Diving Deeper into Transforming Cleveland's Food Infrastructure

Ismail Samad

Co-Founder, Loiter, Chef, Social Entrepreneur, Closed Loop Food Systems Expert

Marc White

Founding Partner, Rid-All Farm Operations Manager,
Regenerative Specialist and Farmer, Rid-All Green Partnership

Room 6

East Palestine and Other Communities: Nature's Solutions to Toxic Land and Water

John Wright

Horticulturist, Self-Taught Permaculture Expert, Educator,
Red Beet Row and Reeds and Roots Skillshare

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Reforestation and Regenerative Horticulture Practitioner and
Educator

Jim Laurie

Restoration Ecologist, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate

Jess Alvarez-Parfrey - Moderator

Executive Director, Transition U.S.

Finale - After Breakout Discussions

Spoken Word Poetry

“Ras Solo,” aka Benjamin Simmons

Spoken Word Poet, Gullah Amer’ican, Gullah Nation, Founder,
President, Tru Amer’ican / Top Notch Home Servicing, Board
Member, Food Strong

3:37 pm 35 min Breakout Sessions

BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4	ROOM 5	ROOM 6
Turning Lawns and Vacant Lots into Edible Landscapes and Urban Farms	Education and Skillbuilding Without Schooling: Models for the Transition to Life After Fossil Fuels	“THE LAND” - Justice, Equity and Access	Fire, Mud and Scrap - How to Heat Your Home or Greenhouse	Diving Deeper into Transforming Cleveland’s Food Infrastructure	East Palestine and Other Communities: Nature’s Solutions to Toxic Land and Water
Jamel Rahkeera Mari Keating	Kelly Clark Elijah Willis	Mikki Smith Jess Vallejo Angela Sayles	Chris McClellan (“Uncle Mud”)	Ismail Samad Marc White	John Wright Coakí Jim Laurie Jess Alvarez-Parfrey

4:13 pm

Return to Main Session

Next Steps

Louise Mitchell

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4:17 pm

The Big Map to Save the Future

Jon Schull

Founder, EcoRestoration Alliance

4:23 pm

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4:28 pm

Thank you

Jess Alvarez-Parfrey

Executive Director, Transition U.S.

4:30 pm

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