

TOWARD A SOCIETY THAT WORKS FOR ALL

WDN's work is organized around three large goals. These pillars guide our network, shape our programs, and inform our collective giving through donor circles and initiatives.



PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION FOR ALL

The political leaders who represent us at all levels should reflect the people they serve, and the full talent and lived experience that America has to offer. We need to ensure that all citizens can participate in electing our leaders and holding them accountable.



OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Everyone has the right to live a fulfilling, economically secure, peaceful, and productive life. We must work to build a more balanced economy that removes obstacles for people struggling to make ends meet.



A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL

Policies and practices should promote a healthy and sustainable environment for current and future generations. We should support environmental justice efforts so that all communities are equally protected from environmental harm.

Women Donors Network is a community with a purpose — together we connect, learn, and take action to further our shared vision of a more just, equitable, and sustainable world. As a community, WDN recognizes the systemic nature of many of the challenges we face as a society. We are committed to using an intersectional lens – including race, class, gender, and sexual orientation – throughout our work.

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WDN 2015 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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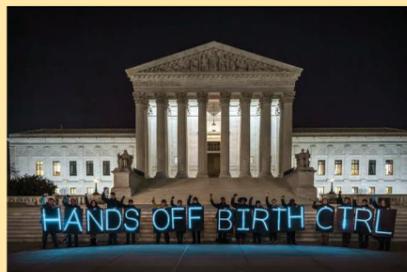
WDN programs are designed to ignite change, providing donors with opportunities to support progressive movement-building as we deepen our knowledge, work in partnership with allies, and engage in nimble and strategic grantmaking. Together we work to live our values in community, create tools for change, and take collective action to lift the field.

Toward a Better Tomorrow: WDN Strategic Plan SPRING

Our new strategic plan will be rolled out in early 2015 – the result of a year of engaging and collaborative work by our members, staff, Board, and strategic planning consultants, culminating in our in-depth group work at the Annual Conference last fall.

Knowledge in the Network: Story Sharing for Social Change Retreat, Feb. 26-28 SPRING

Gather in Atlanta, Georgia this February for an in-person retreat to connect with fellow WDN members and learn about different philanthropic approaches and strategies across our community. We'll share our stories and struggles, discuss what we are learning and where we'd like support, and explore next steps together.



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Who Leads Us?

Advancing a More Reflective Democracy ONGOING

Following the tremendous media coverage of the public launch of Who Leads Us?, we'll continue our work to build a democracy that reflects the people. Hear the latest on effective messaging strategies for this work, and attend regional pitch forum events in targeted states this spring, where we will surface and fund innovative projects that break down structural barriers preventing more women and people of color from serving in elected office.

Donor Circles: Education and Impact ONGOING

Throughout the year we will organize webinars to showcase cutting-edge work, highlight movement leaders, and share opportunities for collaborative grantmaking. Our circles will continue to fund innovative grassroots projects in the field. This year we also look forward to an in-person film festival screening and discussion hosted by our Film and Media Circle.



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WDN Connect 2015

New Orleans, November 12-15 FALL

On the 10-year anniversary of Katrina, join us in New Orleans for our annual conference. We'll explore how race and class have shaped geographies of opportunity, how leaders are reshaping these patterns, and how WDN members can play critical roles in this work. Enjoy the food, music, and fun of New Orleans along with inspiring models of inclusion, hope, and prosperity emerging in the South.

Network Mapping – Power and Possibilities FALL

Expanding on our successful network mapping exercise in 2013, we'll dive deeper into this topic to survey our collective funding, investing, and political connections. We will discuss the results and how we can increasingly leverage our power within and beyond our network.

WDN on the Hill: Leveraging Change March 24-26 SPRING

In this annual event, WDN members leverage our network's political connections to advance policies that create a more fair, just, and sustainable world. We will meet with key elected and appointed officials in Washington, DC from March 24-26. An in-person interactive training will help those new to policy advocacy learn about the policy change process and prepare for meetings with policymakers. More experienced members will meet with advocacy leaders to discuss meeting strategies as well as prepare to serve as mentors to those who are new to this program.

Allies for Racial Justice: Regional Meeting Dialogues SPRING

Strategize about how progressive women donors can be effective allies, particularly across race and class. Through in-person regional discussions this spring and in online discussions, we'll develop practical solutions to help us in our ongoing work to “walk the talk” in our grantmaking, investing, advocacy, and daily lives.

Tools of the Trade Series ONGOING

WDN will share new publications, with accompanying calls, to help us seize opportunities to advance systemic change. We will develop a new Proxy Preview guide in March to help you vote as a company shareholder, as well as create other key values-based and social justice philanthropy publications.

Take Action for Women's Economic Security ONGOING

We will continue working to promote a more balanced and fair economy that ensures that all women and families can prosper and thrive. Throughout the year we will share action opportunities from groups like Make It Work, the National Partnership for Women and Families, and additional leaders working on these critical issues.

Making Our Money Work for Good FALL

Learn and connect with others about how to align your investments with your values. In addition to our new Tools of the Trade publication series, we will host calls on shareholder activism, as well as in-person conversations about money mindfulness. This fall we will host an in-person meeting on values-based investing.

WDN Trips: A Hands-On Look at Women's Leadership Around the World FALL

Each year, WDN offers one to two trips where you can connect with other progressive women donors as we expand our understanding of the world and the power of women's leadership. This year we will be traveling to Cuba, Sept. 24-Oct. 1, where we will see first-hand the implications of recent US policy changes.

Additional details about these and other WDN events will be announced on our website and in email communications throughout the year.