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## Winona LaDuke Lectures at ScienceWorks Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

**ASHLAND, OREGON**

**April 18, 2012, 7 pm**

ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum, 1500 E. Main St.

Acclaimed author and activist Winona LaDuke is an inspiring force to be reckoned with, and on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, she will speak at ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum about climate change and building sustainable communities. The event includes a dessert reception following her talk. The lecture is part of ScienceWorks Earth Day speaker series, made possible in part by the City of Ashland.

A graduate of Ashland High School, Winona LaDuke was named one of America's fifty most promising leaders under 40 in 1994 by *Time* magazine, chosen as the *Ms Magazine* Woman of the Year in 1997, and presented with the prestigious International Slow Food Award for her work in protecting wild rice and local biodiversity. She is perhaps best known as the 1996 and 2000 vice-presidential running-mate with Ralph Nader. In 2007, LaDuke was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. LaDuke is the founder and co-director of Honor the Earth, a national advocacy group encouraging public support for native environmental groups. She travels the world speaking about climate change, renewable energy, sustainable development, food systems and environmental justice. Much of her work in recent years has focused on her community in northern Minnesota -- the White Earth Land Recovery Project, one of the largest reservation-based non-profit organizations in the country. The organization has become a leader on issues of culturally-based sustainable development strategies, renewable energy and food systems.

The ScienceWorks Earth Day speaker series is part of the 2012 Rogue Valley Earth Day celebration taking place at ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Additional speakers on Saturday include Jeff Allen, Executive Director of Drive Oregon, speaking about the future of the electric vehicle industry in Oregon at 11:30; David Moen, wildlife biologist with Ventana Wildlife Society speaking about the restoration of the California Condor to the wild at 1:30; and James Stark, director of the Regenerative Design Institute, speaking about leadership and effective community development at 2:30. Children's storyteller Kim Zwemer-Margulis will perform at 12:30. Winona LaDuke will speak on Wednesday evening, April, 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. For more information visit [www.scienceworksmuseum.org](http://www.scienceworksmuseum.org) or call 541-482-6767.

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*ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum is a non-profit educational science center that has been serving the Rogue Valley region for nearly ten years. Located at 1500 East Main Street in Ashland, the museum is home to more than 100 exhibits, and hosts themed weekends, and ongoing fun, educational, science programs for all ages year-round. For more information, call (541) 482-6767 or visit [www.scienceworksmuseum.org](http://www.scienceworksmuseum.org).*