Taking Action in a Time of Climate Crisis

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ABSTRACT

Environment-friendly changes in building and construction are helping clear the path for meaningful climate emissions reductions in the sector, with the potential to positively impact our communities locally, nationally, and globally. But as we continue our work on sustainability, how do we make the work of addressing the climate crisis sustainable for *ourselves*? Drawing from over a decade of experience in climate advocacy, in this keynote Lucía will weave together research from the social sciences, the field of spiritual ecology, and her own work with organizers and advocates nationwide to leave you with a clear understanding of what it takes to stay engaged on wicked issues (like climate!) for the long haul. Join this conversation if you want to know whether you should feel hopeful or fearful in the face of climate change; if you want insights into how the work you’re already doing can translate into meaningful awareness and action on climate change; if you want to understand how your work in green building and sustainability is a critical component of broader, necessary collective action;—and if you want to leave feeling empowered, and re-energized to stay engaged on climate change for the long haul! (Seriously!)

BIOGRAPHY

Lucía Oliva Hennelly, M.S., is an interdisciplinary problem solver and collaboration catalyst passionate about solution-making at the intersections of climate change and social justice. As a climate advocacy professional, Lucía’s expertise is in cultivating authentic, durable collaborations that enable us to meet the demands the ecological crisis places on us individually and collectively. Trained at Stanford University in interdisciplinary environmental science and policy, Lucía has worked on campaigns, policy, and advocacy alongside some of the country’s foremost organizers for more than a decade. Currently, Lucía works at the Climate Advocacy Lab and is also developing {re}CONSTITUTE, a leadership development program for rising climate justice leaders. Originally from Santa Fe, NM, Lucía now lives, works from, and practices at Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji, a Rinzai Zen training monastery in the Catskill mountains.