

Women and Energy

The conference

Energy is closely linked with economic development and influences the way a nation succeed in marketing, as can be seen with Canada and Québec. And while it has a huge impact on women's daily lives, very few are part of energy decision, whether at the local, national or international levels, private or public. Sadly, the sector of renewable energy does not seem to make a difference. What are the reasons behind it? What would change if the energy world was more gender-equal ?

Starting with some global data in the renewable energy sector (jobs and investments), the conference aims at showing the importance of gender equality in the renewable energy sector, both for jobs and energy production but also when decisions must be made, at all levels, to diminish consumption with rethinking the way we produce and use energy.

BIO

Former local politician, the speaker has been vice-president for many years of one of the largest environmental groups in Québec, the AQLPA¹, where she was responsible for the renewable energy sector. She did her master degree on the public-private biogas market development in the West of Sweden, with Volvo and the city of Göteborg, for which she had an award for the best Master thesis by Québec Research Institute in Contemporary Economy (IRÉC). She has her own consulting firm, CORNELISSEN consult, specializing in regional development and links with the Nordic countries, in the renewable energy and gender equality sectors.

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