



BACKGROUND

RED ROAD TO DC: SPONSORS AND ORGANIZERS

HOUSE OF TEARS CARVERS

The House of Tears Carvers has created a tradition of carving and delivering totem poles to areas struck by disaster, or otherwise in need of hope and healing. The first such journey was in 2001 in the wake of the September 11 tragedy in New York. In 2013 the Lummi people began, what would turn out to be, a yearly totem pole journey, in response to the threat of a 50-million-ton coal export terminal proposal on their traditional and sacred lands at Xwe'chi'eXen (Cherry Point). Each year, the totem pole has been brought to tribal and non-tribal communities throughout the country seeking to honor, unite and empower communities in the destructive path of fossil fuel extraction and environmental degradation.

NATIVE ORGANIZERS ALLIANCE

The Native Organizers Alliance (NOA) is dedicated to building the organizing capacity of tribes, organizers and community groups for transformational policy change. It also provides a forum for Native leaders, organizers and organizations to work in collaboration with each other and promote their work with non-Native national allies. To learn more visit <http://nativeorganizing.org/about-us/>.

SE'SI'LE

Se'Si'Le (saw-see-lah) is the Lummi language term for our grandmother. Respect for elders is central to Native life: to acknowledge Grandmother Earth is to invoke ancestral and cultural power. Founded by Lummi tribal member Jay Julius, Se'Si'Le reintroduces Indigenous spiritual law into the mainstream conversation about climate change and the environment. To learn more visit www.se-si-le.org.

THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The Natural History Museum leverages the power of history, museums, monuments, and movements to change narratives, build alliances, educate the public and drive civic engagement in support of community-led movements for climate and environmental justice. To learn more visit <http://thenaturalhistorymuseum.org>.

ABOUT ILLUMINATIVE

IllumiNative is a Native woman-led racial and social justice organization that is dedicated to increasing the visibility of Native peoples. Our mission is to build power for Native peoples by amplifying contemporary Native voices, stories and issues to advance justice, equity, and self-determination. To learn more visit www.illuminatives.org.