



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Dear Kim,

In honor of your next level climate activism proudly standing up for Diné and other indigenous cultures through artistic resistance and uplifting community building, we proudly present you with the 2021 Direct Action Award.

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is giving out this award and while we are just a small community based non profit, we honor mighty displays of leadership in combatting the climate crisis. We give out 6 awards per year to those who make outstanding contributions in the solution areas of Direct Action, Justice, Courage, Conservation, Education and Innovation.

You are more than deserving of the Direct Action Award because you have taken direct action throughout your whole life to stand up for Mother Earth, frontline communities and a regenerative way of life. Your service combatting climate change at the local level and internationally through the United Nations is very commendable as is your ingenuity as the founder of the magazine Indigenous Goddess Gang for example. What is equally inspiring and hopeful is your growing dedication to restoration and the beloved community as exemplified by the upcoming collaborative project to build natural straw bale housing on Navajo homelands.

Thank you for all these worthy endeavors and the many other life force movements that you are such an integral part of. We look forward to staying in touch and being in teamwork.

With much appreciation,

Robb Hirsch
Founder and Executive Director
Climate Change Leadership