

## Winona LaDuke Biography 2005

A two-time US Vice Presidential Candidate, author of five books, and recipient of a wide array of awards, Winona LaDuke lives and works on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota and is a parent to five children. LaDuke serves as Program Director of Honor the Earth a Native American foundation working primarily on environmental and energy policy issues and through this work is involved in national renewable energy strategies for the new millennium. In addition, she serves as Founding Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project, the largest reservation based non-profit organization in the state of Minnesota. In her community, she has worked for two decades on the land issues of the White Earth Reservation, including litigation policy, and creation of a land trust. In 1989, she received the Reebok Human Rights Award, with which in part she began the White Earth Land Recovery Project. In 1994, Winona was nominated by Time Magazine as one of America's fifty most promising leaders under forty years of age, and has also been awarded the Thomas Merton Award in 1996, the Ann Bancroft Award, Ms. Woman of the Year Award (with the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, in 1997), the Global Green Award, and numerous other honors. Winona and the White Earth Land Recovery Project recently received the prestigious international Slow Food Award for their work with protecting wild rice and local biodiversity. In both 1996 and 2000 Winona ran for Vice-President on the Green Party ticket with Ralph Nader. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, she has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. Her books include: *Last Standing Woman* (fiction), *All Our Relations* (non-fiction), *In the Sugarbush* (children's non-fiction), and *The Winona LaDuke Reader*, and most recently, *Recovering the Sacred*, released by South End Press in 2005.