



Hello, thank you for your interest in speaking at WE Ignite 2023. The conference will be virtual with an optional in-person component/reception/meet-and-greet on the first day" or something so speakers aren't worried about having to travel.

Please read through this document for additional information on the WE Ignite Conference.

OUR MISSION

To ignite the inner spirit of women to connect, inspire and empower each other.

ABOUT WE IGNITE CONFERENCE:

WE Ignite's goal is to host an annual Women's Conference. This event offers space for women and allies to share their stories, knowledge, and inspiration. Our vision is for each participant to feel more connected and empowered to accomplish their goals and dreams by attending our event.

Previous conferences have covered:

- WE Ignite 2019: Inaugural conference focused on connecting participants to each other, the community, and most of all, to themselves.
- WE Ignite 2020: Focused on participants inspiring each other to take action.
- WE Ignite 2021: Focused on empowering each participant to step into their possibility, and the power of allyship.
- WE Ignite 2022: Focused on connecting to our gender(s) and how this defines and influences each of us individually and collectively.

This year, WE Ignite 2023 will focus on inspiring action in participants lives, communities, and the world. We will be partnering with the League of Women Voters and other organizations to bring attendees information around the action they can take to maintain their rights.

Each year, the ripple effects of our events grow, expanding our reach and deepening our focus on our three-day event that connects, inspires and empowers participants *from all around the world*.

The conference provides attendees with time for reflection and impactful conversations around gender, sexuality, ability, age, ethnicity and race.

WE Ignite is committed to facilitating diverse, equitable, and inclusive environments where everyone can learn and grow. The conference sessions contain an anti-oppressive and anti-racist lens with an intersectionality and positionality of focus that centers the most marginalized.

We are a small group of dedicated, passionate, hard-working volunteers. We are grateful and inspired to be supported by amazing partners, sponsors, and community members throughout our journey.

WE Ignite began as a vision by founder, Erin Long, to bring women and allies from different backgrounds and ways of life together for real, genuine connection. She believes that doing this will increase each participant's awareness, create a sense of support and encouragement, and allow women and allies to work alongside each other cooperatively instead of competitively. Her vision is to inspire a more collaborative world.

WE Ignite welcomes proposals from candidates with a desire to speak and share their stories of connection, inspiration, and empowerment at our annual conference.

Conference sessions last between 30-75 minutes and 90 minutes for panels. Speakers are encouraged to use breakout rooms and to make their sessions as interactive as possible, to engage the audience. WE Ignite provides support through volunteers and committee members.

Speakers are unpaid volunteers who are selected by the WE Ignite Conference Committee. Speakers will receive complimentary VIP access to the full event as well as one additional companion ticket. Speakers may also request to have time/space to promote their materials; these requests will be reviewed for approval by the WE Ignite committee. Travel and accommodations will not be reimbursed by WE Ignite; speakers are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs, as well as those of any guests they bring. If possible, WE Ignite will attempt to negotiate discounted accommodation rates.

For more information, please visit our social media pages and website.

WE Ignite FB Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/weignitewa</u> WE Ignite IG Page: <u>https://www.instagram.com/weignitewa/</u> We Ignite Website: <u>https://www.weignitewa.org/</u>