



Overview

The Women's Forest Congress is a dynamic and inclusive forum to develop strategies and solutions for forests. Women throughout the forest space have come together to share personal and professional experiences, connect with each other, shape the latest innovations, and consider how actions informed by our perspectives can make a profound impact on the future of forests.

Vision

We envision a world where there is universal equity and inclusion in our forest community. All women are heard, empowered, and provided a sense of belonging. The influence and impact of all women are manifest in our relationships with forests.

Mission

Our mission is dual in nature – create community and affect change.

Together we create safe spaces to connect, inspire, and act as catalysts for change for the benefit of forests and all who rely on them now and for the future.

- We value and abide by community agreements
- We champion accessibility and provide ways for people to learn and grow together
- We employ inclusive and collaborative leadership models
- We are solutions-focused, solutions-driven, and action-oriented

2022 Women's Forest Congress Purpose

Women will gather in person in 2022 to use our diverse perspectives and collective expertise to develop strategies and solutions to address the most pressing current and forthcoming challenges for forests and women. And we will advocate for the most compelling opportunities for women in the forest community as they arise.



**WOMEN'S FOREST
CONGRESS**



Women's Forest Congress Glossary of Terms

- CONGRESS** A formal meeting or series of meetings for discussion between delegates, especially those from within a particular discipline.
- FOREST COMMUNITY** All who live in, manage, steward, work in, work for, care for, play in, and love all types of forests.
- FOREST SPACE** The freedom and scope to live, think, and develop in a way that suits one, some, or many.
- FOREST** Our use of forest – areas consisting of trees and undergrowth – includes the vast contiguous forests of rural areas, large and small patches of forests in suburbs, and the clusters of trees that are found in urban parks and communities.
- FORUM** A physical or virtual place, meeting, or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue or issues can be exchanged. WFC's forum has taken the form of a movement that resonates with many, as well as virtual gatherings. In 2022, our forum will include the movement, virtual events, and an in-person gathering.
- MISSION** What WFC is doing to help reach its Vision: how we do our work together and what we are doing. WFC's mission will inevitably evolve over time; for now, it is focused on what we are doing leading up to and at an in-person Congress in 2022.
- VISION** Vision is the world we want to see. It's the broader need that we believe the WFC is working toward. It is the future state.
- WE** Our use of "we" includes the Steering Committee, Advisory Council, Working Group Members, and all who have attended or participated in past events.
- WOMEN** Our use of "women" is meant to include trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming participants, as well as women of all ages, perspectives, cultural backgrounds, professional levels, and education.