

# Another World Is on the Way: Fostering Climate Hope and Action by Shifting from a Destructive to Creative Stance

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In the world of climate activism, science, and policy, there is so much to fight back against: fossil fuel use, large-scale deforestation, environmental inequities, infectious disease - the list goes on. And yet, continually being in a defensive stance in the face of seemingly persistent precarity is exhausting and uninspiring. It's no wonder we are seeing increasing hopelessness, eco-anxiety and lack of agency, even among climate activists. This session invites us to consider: *what are we for?* What is the world we're seeking to build? We will explore lessons learned from the movement for regenerative economies over the past decade. We will learn about movement wins that were the result of base-building, messaging, and mobilization strategies that shift from a destructive (tear-it-all-down) to creative (build-the-world-we-want) stance. The session will share movement best practices and lessons learned for fostering climate hope and action, particularly with regards to deepening our capacities for world-building through collective imagination, research, and experimentation. The session will also share examples and lessons learned from successful activist-scholar collaborations that have advanced scientific understanding as well as real-world sustainability policy and power-building.