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INCREASING DIVERSITY WITHIN THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL FIELDS

New England Women in Energy and the Environment's Call to Action

BOSTON, MA – – [New England Women in Energy and the Environment \(NEWIEE\)](#), a powerful force of professionals in the energy and environmental fields, will host its 7th Annual “Women Shaping the Agenda” event (virtually) from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on August 5, 2021. This year’s topic is **A Call to Action: Changing the Face of The Energy and Environment Workforce**.

“The energy and environmental fields continue to lag in all forms of diversity, despite the region’s ambitious climate goals and influx of high-growth industries like energy efficiency and renewable energy,” said NEWIEE Board Member, Event Co-Chair, and National Grid Lead Program Manager Shalaya Morissette. “We look forward to gathering together with this incredible panel for this important discussion on enhancing workforce diversity.”

The panel will feature:

- **Aisha Francis, Ph.D.**, President and Chief Executive Officer
Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology
- **Annelies Goger**, David M. Rubenstein Fellow
Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings
- **Jennifer Jean Kropke**, Director of Energy Jobs
U.S. Department of Energy
- **Natalie Edwards**, Chief Diversity Officer
National Grid

NEWIEE’s Women Shaping the Agenda Series is an annual, summer panel discussion among leaders in the industry, featuring engaging dialog and debate on industry and policy topics in New England. NEWIEE’s programming seeks to bring the energy and environmental sectors together with a particular focus on areas where they most closely intersect, raising the voice of women professionals in solving today’s challenges and helping women to advance in their careers.

Tickets to the 7th Annual NEWIEE Women Shaping the Agenda event are [on sale](#) now. We also have a limited number of free tickets for educators and students. For more information, please visit www.NEWIEE.org.

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Founded in 2008, NEWIEE provides a forum for sharing the expertise and experiences of its members while fostering a dynamic environment for those passionate about energy and environmental issues in the New England area and beyond.