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about WISE

The **Women in Sustainability and Energy (WISE) series**, founded in 2015 by Building Energy Exchange, is an inclusive platform for all people to learn from experienced leaders, share knowledge, and advance equity in the workplace.

This series brings together women from diverse fields to discuss cutting-edge policies, technologies, and programs. It provides a community and framework for year-round dialogue, along with robust mentorship and networking opportunities designed to promote equity and support the growth of professionals in sustainability and energy industries.

2025 panelists

Lindsay Drogin

Managing Director, NY Green Bank



Lindsay Drogin is the Managing Director of NY Green Bank, a New York State-sponsored investment fund focused on clean energy and sustainable infrastructure markets. As an active investment banker, Lindsay pursued a professional certificate program in Energy Finance, realizing the clean energy transition was not just aspirational, but in progress and unstoppable. That realization, along with witnessing the consequences of climate change, compelled her to take action, first through volunteer work and then by joining NY Green Bank.

Emily Gove Lekic

Vice President, Sustainability, Vornado Realty Trust



Emily manages the zero-waste programming across the Vornado portfolio, totaling over 25 MSF. She oversaw the portfolio-wide launch of the organics diversion program and is actively involved in zero waste initiatives amongst the Vornado tenant base. Emily specializes in zero waste strategy, green cleaning, sustainable procurement, tenant engagement and education, employee safety training, and corporate social responsibility. She is a LEED AP and TRUE Advisor with a Master's in Environmental Science from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Yidian Liu

Co-Founder & COO, PolyGone Systems



Yidian Liu is the co-founder and COO of PolyGone Systems, a Princeton spinout that tackles microplastic pollution. A Forbes 30 Under 30 Fellow with a Master's in Architecture from Princeton, she has secured \$2.4M+ in grants and pre-seed funding. Yidian has also spoken at NYC Circular City Week, Delaware Water Congress, and the Shenzhen/Hong Kong Bi-city Biennale.

Rosalin Osser

Lead Consultant, Built Ecology, WSP



Rosalin Osser, PE, BEMP, LEED is a Lead Consultant with WSP Built Ecology. Recipient of the BE+ 2024 Net Zero Hero award, she has over 17 years of experience in commercial building energy, decarbonization, and sustainability consulting. Osser is also known for humorous and memorable presentations on green building topics, including an original green building themed standup comedy act.

Delma Palma

Vice President of Design and Construction Management, Empire State Development



Delma Palma is Vice President of Design and Construction Management at Empire State Development (ESD)—New York State's economic development corporation. She is a licensed architect and certified planner who guides the design vision for the State's real estate development projects to meet New York's ambitious housing and climate agenda. At ESD, she is leading the first energy masterplan for the Creedmoor development—a 60-acre NYC site with aims to create a net-zero community in Southeast Queens.