

# Aquaponics: A Catalyst for Community Supported Innovation

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## **Overview**

It is no secret that aquaponics serves as powerful living example of an ecosystem. Healthy or unhealthy systems provide valuable metaphors for transformative discussions around today's most pressing issues around health, food, and climate change. However, aquaponics is quickly becoming a vehicle to connect people, purpose and projects through some of the most innovative partnerships. In this thought provoking presentation, we'll explore how current corporate trends are opening up new pathways to develop, fund and implement sustainable solutions, such as aquaponics, as a way to grow employees and community. Here you will learn about "partner portals" which are emerging to address our current environmental, social and economic challenges. Discover how to apply these new trends and approaches to access more resources such as time, talent, funding, land, etc. and how you and your organization can participate in helping grow aquaponics as an emerging green industry through community supported innovation.

***BIOGRAPHY: Kate Wildrick, Co-Founder / Paradigm Shifter, Ingenuity Innovation Center***



Kate is passionate about finding the space where human passion and innovation come together. She is the co-founder of the Ingenuity Innovation Center, an organization dedicated to developing community-based sustainable solutions that are shared using an open source platform.

With twelve years working in the corporate world as a Human Capital Development Specialist, Kate held strategic positions in a variety of small and large company environments, including high tech, business services, manufacturing and hospitality. Kate has even owned and operated a small town (Service Creek, Oregon, Population 2).

Kate is best known for her work in the corporate world regarding generational issues and trends in the workplace. Her work on generational and workplace trends has been presented to audiences at several sold-out seminars across the country. Known by word-of-mouth, Ms. Wildrick has presented to well known organizations that include The Red Cross, The World Bank, Providence Health, Kaiser Permanente and the CIA. She has instructed at the American

Strategic Management Institute (ASMI) in Washington D.C., at Clark College in Vancouver, WA and at George Fox University in Newberg, OR.

Kate's next chapter focuses on bringing the generations together from all backgrounds to connect, share and collaborate on building new social business models and ideas to help make the world a better place for current and future generations to come.

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