

We Tell Makers

We Tell prefers to call the many people who worked on the media projects in this exhibition makers rather than filmmakers, video artists, or directors.

First, very few of these works were produced by one person, so the auteurist model is insufficient.

Second, most of these were produced by collaborative, collective, or cooperative teams where members had shifting roles and made different kinds of contributions.

Finally, we offer the proviso that this list is most likely not complete and will evolve as more research about each of these films and their participatory production process is uncovered. We provide this list to honor the people who contributed to these works.

BIOGRAPHIES OF MAKERS

Christi Cooper was part of the team that developed *Stories of TRUST: Calling for Climate Recovery: TRUST Alaska* (Our Children's Trust and WITNESS, 2011) in Alaska. Christi holds a BA. in Microbiology, a PhD in Neuroscience, and an MFA in Science and Nature Filmmaking. Based in Montana, she has worked with a host of science, government, and environmental organizations. Christi Cooper grew up in Boulder, Colorado, where she developed a strong connection to nature and the outdoors. After significant time in basic research and teaching at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, she made the decision to pursue an MFA in Science and Nature Filmmaking at Montana State University. Communicating very complex issues through storytelling and visual narrative, she combines her research skills and in-depth knowledge of science to raise awareness about sociopolitical issues through compelling narratives. She was awarded an Emmy for her Cinematography on *Indian Relay* (2013)