



'MOTHERS OF INVENTION' THE CLIMATE JUSTICE PODCAST IS BACK FOR SEASON 3 ON AUGUST 5th



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Feminist climate justice podcast, '**MOTHERS OF INVENTION**', is reuniting **former President of Ireland and chair of the Elders, Mary Robinson** and **comedian Maeve Higgins** with **series producer Thimali Kodikara**. The show returns for **Season Three** starting **Wednesday, August 5th**, slated to run through to the U.S. election in November - an event with enormous significance for the future of the climate.

**CLIMATE CHANGE IS A MAN MADE
PROBLEM... WITH A FEMINIST SOLUTION**

Mothers of Invention celebrates the black, brown and indigenous women and girls around the world pioneering ways to withstand and innovate around climate change. Previous seasons have honored the work of 40 women (and 2 feminist men) from 16 countries!



With 10 years to go before we see irreversible changes to our planet, former Irish president Mary Robinson, comedian and writer Maeve Higgins, and series producer Thimali Kodikara dig into the biggest climate issues of our time with love, laughter and memorable storytelling.

Season Three engages its growing audience as an active community who are in the fight for climate justice alongside Mary, Maeve & Thimali. With insightful, moving and inspiring interviews from “Mothers” around the world, we address some of the most critical issues for the global climate movement in 2020.

While listeners are at home contending with the Covid-19 crisis, we inspire moments of self-care, and learn how our Mothers care for themselves through their work. In light of our appreciation for nature while stuck at home, we consider the importance of safe shelter through the stories of Mothers protecting their homes from climate chaos. While many of us remain isolated, Mothers Of Invention transports fresh conversation from around the world into our living rooms, and shares a vision for a regenerative future for all!

The first episode of Season Three is titled, **“We Are Really Big Huggers”** - a line from our first guest, **Daiara Tukano, an indigenous Brazilian researcher and activist** who reflects on how hard social distancing has been for her people. We also hear from 27 year old **Fatima-Zahra Ibrahim, co-founder of Green New Deal UK** and the **Build Back Better** campaign.

Mary Robinson finds that many young people she meets don't even know she was President of Ireland, but they are excited to meet the host of Mothers of Invention! Talking about her move into podcasting, Mary Robinson commented, *“I was a little bit iffy when I heard “comedian”—you know, as a former president. But after the first 15 minutes together with Maeve, they said, “This is perfect; this works.” It's a lesson I've learned late in life—it's extraordinarily important to use humor to communicate a really serious point.”*

Downloaded almost 600,000 times since launching, the podcast has been nominated for a One World Media Radio and Audio Award and is now distributed for the first time by podcast leaders PRX. Show producers Doc Society, have been joined this season by the team at Vulcan Productions.

You can **listen to new episodes of ‘Mothers of Invention’** on:
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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Mary Robinson

Mary led the **UN Human Rights Commission** after serving as the **first female President of Ireland**. She is a committed climate change crusader and her **Mary Robinson Climate Justice Foundation** worked to achieve sustainable and people-centered development across the globe. She succeeded **Kofi Annan** to be the **first woman chair of [The Elders](#)**, the group of elder statespeople founded by **Nelson Mandela**. President Barack Obama called Mary Robinson, *"An advocate for the hungry and the hunted, the forgotten and the ignored, Mary Robinson has not only shone a light on human suffering, but illuminated a better future for our world."*

Maeve Higgins

Maeve is a contributing writer for 'The New York Times' and a comedian who has performed all over the world. A regular on NPR's 'Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me' and a migration scholar, she is no stranger to dealing with serious subjects with some levity and humor.

Thimali Kodikara

The Series Producer of Mothers of Invention since Season 2, Thimali is now a full on-mic host on the show. A British multi-disciplinary producer, artist and activist, she has been based in New York for 16 years. Thimali has produced editorial content for Christie's and Getty Images, and is a graduate of Central Saint Martins College of Art, London.

About DOC SOCIETY



Doc Society is a non-profit founded in 2005, committed to enabling great documentary films and connecting them to audiences globally. Based in London and New York, they work with filmmakers and partners around



the world. Doc Society receives major funding from the Ford Foundation, the British Film Institute and Bertha Foundations.

Doc Society showcased films at the 2020 including *Welcome to Chechnya* and Kenyan made *Softie*. They presented six films at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival, including *Knock Down The House* featuring Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, *Cold Case Hammarskjöld* on the death of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, and climate feature documentary *Anthropocene*. Previous Academy Award nominated films include: *CITIZENFOUR*, *Virunga*, *Dirty Wars* and *Look of Silence*.

Doc Society is dedicated to the impact of art, and the art of impact. In addition to film funds, their programmes include Good Pitch, Doc Academy, Impact Field Guide and Doc Impact Awards.

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About Vulcan Productions

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Since its inception, Vulcan Productions has leveraged platforms ranging from film and television to XR and other emerging media to produce and distribute content that informs, inspires, and activates audiences – putting stories to work with far-reaching impact campaigns that advance new policies, shift individual behaviors, and contribute to significant institutional change. The team will continue to tell great stories and empower audiences to take action on important issues until Vulcan Productions sunsets in early 2021. During this time of transition, Vulcan Productions will continue to support its partners on existing projects.

Vulcan Productions films include [The Reason I Jump](#), [Oliver Sacks: His Own Life](#), [Ghost Fleet](#), [The Cold Blue](#), Netflix Original: [The Ivory Game](#), the Sundance Special Jury Award-winner [STEP](#), News & Documentary Emmy®-nominated [Going to War](#), [Girl Rising](#), [Racing Extinction](#), the Academy Award®-nominated [Body Team 12](#), and emerging media works including [Ghost Fleet VR](#), [X-Ray Fashion](#), [Drop in the Ocean](#), and [Guardians of the Kingdom](#).