



Sustaining All Life & United to End Racism

at New York City Climate Week • September 22-28, 2025

Sustaining All Life (SAL) and **United to End Racism (UER)** are international grassroots organizations working to end the climate emergency within the context of ending all divisions among people. At Climate Week, SAL/UER will present many interactive workshops that address barriers to resolving the climate emergency. Our events will also show participants how to exchange effective listening to free themselves and others from the emotional and mental harm resulting from oppression, rising authoritarianism, and other hurtful experiences—harm that can interfere with thinking about and responding effectively to the climate crisis and ending racism, and sustaining our efforts over time.

Monday, September 22

Africa on the Frontlines of Climate Change*

Online
10 – 11:30 AM

Africa accounts for less than 4% of global emissions yet is hugely affected by the climate crisis. Leaders from across the continent will share their perspectives on climate change in their countries and communities, and describe their ongoing work to address it. Come hear personal stories of activism that communicate determination, hope, and courage.

Backing Indigenous Leaders: Where Ending the Climate Crisis and Decolonization Meet*

2 – 3:30 PM
Colonization and capitalism have disconnected us from each other, our basic human needs, and the land. There is so much to learn from Indigenous cultures, especially about our relationships with nature, ourselves, and each other. In this workshop we will share ways we can use engaged listening to back Indigenous leaders and heal ourselves from the damaging effects of colonization.

How Do We Create Meaningful Climate Action in an Increasingly Authoritarian USA?*

2 – 3:30 PM
The recent rollback in the U.S. on climate solutions is disastrous, especially as this country is the world's largest historical emitter of greenhouse gases. Rising authoritarianism is stifling climate action, and we can and must push back against it. Join us to explore how together we can effectively address the existential threat we face in the climate emergency.

Wednesday, September 24

No “Throw-Away” People: Racism and the Climate Crisis*

10 – 11:30 AM

The climate crisis and racism are inextricably intertwined. The exploitation of the majority of the world's people and the planet for the benefit of a small minority has led us to the existential crisis our species is now facing. Join us to look at the damage caused by racism. We will share tools for building relationships within and across racial lines that enhance our efforts both to end racism and to build a strong climate movement.

Staying Hopeful, Connected, and Engaged in Challenging Times*

10 – 11:30 AM

It is hard to face the climate crisis and the current political situation without feeling discouraged, anxious, angry, and sometimes hopeless and alone. Learn ways to work through these feelings, build closer and more supportive connections, and come together to take action.

ReWear the Revolution Street Event

Location: In front of the New York Public Library, 5th Avenue & 41st Street
11:30 AM – 2 PM

Come share ideas about what needs to happen to address the devastating impact fast fashion is having on the climate, the environment, and biodiversity. Embellish an evening dress and have your work displayed at future Subversive Catwalks.

First and Worst Impacted, then Forgotten: Black Communities and the Climate Crisis*

2:30 – 4 PM

African American communities have long endured more than their share of environmental hazards. This workshop



explores how climate change, toxic contamination, and structural racism intersect. Join us to hear African American activists discuss the urgent need for climate justice, and help reimagine solutions rooted in fairness, equity, and sustainability.

So we’ve passed 1.5°C; what’s our strategy now?*

2:30 – 4 PM

We have worked hard to keep the world's temperature rise below 1.5°C. We lost. We need to not hide from this fact nor let our feelings of loss confuse us into thinking that there are not still good and important steps to take. Let's come together to acknowledge and grieve and go forward together. We will listen to one another brainstorm and strategize next steps with renewed fortitude.

Thursday, September 25

What’s ‘Normal’? Mental Health Liberation for Climate Activists*

1 – 2:30 PM

Learn how oppressive societies encourage passivity, overconsumption, numbness, addictions, and isolation to distract and prevent people from fighting for justice. We will share simple and effective tools that help us face difficult feelings about the climate crisis and build emotional support for our climate activism.

How to Listen to (and Win Over) People We Disagree With*

1 – 2:30 PM

To create an effective movement to end the climate crisis, we need to build friendships and win people over who don't share our perspectives. This session will offer tools for listening to people with whom we disagree.

* Optional one hour healing circle follows.

All events at 12 East 41st Street, 7th Floor, Manhattan, unless otherwise indicated.
Registration suggested (we'll send you a reminder) but not required except for online events.



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The Intersection of Climate Change and Racism in the Southern U.S.*

4:30 – 6 PM

The South is central to the US fight against the climate crisis. Southern activists will share key challenges facing frontline communities taking a stand against grievous climate impacts and racism, including how the current political situation further endangers lives and efforts. They will give examples of how SAL tools sustain their work.

Healing Climate Trauma and Grief*

4:30 – 6 PM

This workshop will support participants to heal some of the trauma induced by the climate crisis and the existential threat it poses to humans and all life on planet Earth. Participants will learn tools for healing and have a safe space to tell stories of grief and trauma they have experienced as a result of climate change.

Friday, September 26

Immigrant Justice is Climate Justice*

10 – 11:30 AM

Immigrant activists will help us look at the connection between the climate crisis and current immigration policies in the U.S. and explore ways to create a more just, inclusive, and life-sustaining world.

Women’s Leadership in Climate Justice: It will not happen without us!*

10 – 11:30 AM

The voices and leadership of women and girls are key in the fight for climate justice. Imagine every woman accessing her untapped genius and boldly fighting against oppression and all injustices– specifically climate and sexism. All that stops us is feeling powerless. Oppression divides us; we can move toward unity. This workshop will focus on unveiling our strength as leaders and committing ourselves to the power we have to make change.



The Importance of Artists and Art-making in the Climate Movement*

2 – 3:30 PM

Artists are harnessing the power of art to organize, connect, and educate around the climate crisis. Join us to explore the impact of art and creativity in the climate movement, to make art in a safe and unpressured environment, and to celebrate our creativity and connection to the earth.

Avoiding Burnout for Activists*

2 – 3:30 PM

As activists, we often take on too much without thinking about ourselves. We need to find a balance to avoid burning out. Come hear about ways to take care of ourselves AS WE KEEP DOING THE WORK!

Saturday, September 27

War and Climate Justice*

10 – 11:30 AM

War is a tool of oppression and genocide that allows dominant groups to take control of land, resources, and cultures. Modern warfare has unleashed unprecedented environmental havoc and led to tremendous loss of life. The U.S. just expanded its military budget at the expense of climate solutions. We must end war to resolve the climate emergency.

The Central Role of Young People in the Climate Movement*

11 – 12:30 PM

Young people are at the front lines of the climate crisis. It is our future that is threatened, yet we have little say in how society is run. In this workshop, younger people will look at the systematic mistreatment of young people and find ways to move past the oppression and take an active and powerful role in the climate movement.

ReWear the Revolution: Women, Fast Fashion, and Eco Action*

2 – 4 PM

Fashion is the second most polluting industry in the world (after oil). The lives of women everywhere are affected by the production, marketing, and distribution of cheap, intentionally disposable clothing. Join us to experience a Subversive Catwalk of up-cycled, message-adorned clothing.

Gathering in the Park

Location: Bryant Park, between 40th & 42nd Streets and 5th & 6th Avenues

6:30 – 8 PM

Come unwind with us after a successful NYC Climate Week. We'll have snacks and cold drinks.



Sunday, September 28

Intro to the Tools of SAL/UER*

10 – 11:30 AM

This workshop offers an in-depth look at listening tools that have helped people address emotional and relational barriers to effective climate organizing. We will provide opportunities to practice in pairs and small groups.

Tools for Building Unity Among Groups that Disagree*

10 – 11:30 AM

To end the climate emergency, the climate movement must be unified. At this workshop, we will demonstrate tools for building solidarity among groups that have historically been divided from each other. We will share stories that inspire hope that groups that disagree can reach across divides and become allies.

Exploitation and Debt— Implications for Climate and Human Services in Africa*

Online

1 – 3 PM

Many African and Global South nations have been exploited by wealthier countries that have been extracting their resources for years without fair compensation. Using Ghana as a case study, we will propose policies and practices to address debt and support climate mitigation and adaptation.

Healing Circles

Healing circles in which we share our experiences will immediately follow many of the workshops. Healing circles give people a chance to listen and be listened to about feelings connected to the climate emergency. Sharing our feelings of grief, fear, anger, discouragement, and hope in a mutually supportive group can refresh us and spark new ideas for action.

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