



Sustaining All Life & United to End Racism

at New York City Climate Week • September 22–26, 2026

Sustaining All Life (SAL) and **United to End Racism (UER)** are international grassroots organizations working to end the climate emergency by addressing the emotional impact of 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 offer effective tools for addressing the grief and fear brought about by the climate crisis, as well as the emotional and mental harm resulting from oppression, rising authoritarianism, and other hurtful experiences. This internal harm can interfere with our thinking about and responding effectively to the climate crisis, ending racism, and sustaining our efforts over time.

Tuesday, September 22

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

10 AM – 12 PM

The U.S. reversal on climate action and renewed support for fossil fuels is disastrous for the U.S. and the world. Rising authoritarianism is stifling climate action, and we can and must push back. Join us to look at the emotional impact of authoritarianism and explore how together we can effectively address the growing existential threat we face in the climate emergency.

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

1:30 – 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.

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

1:30 – 3:30 PM

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 discuss ways to address the emotional trauma 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.

Wednesday, September 23

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

10 AM – 12 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 their visions of climate justice rooted in equity and sustainability, as well as tools for healing from racial trauma that can fortify and sustain our communities along the way.

ReWear the Revolution (Street Event)

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

Come share your concerns about climate change and your 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.

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

1:30 – 3:30 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.

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



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Thursday, September 24

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

10 AM – 12 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 and share tools for emotional healing that sustain their work.



The Central Role of Young People in the Climate Movement

1:30 – 3:30 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 resist and heal from the oppression and take an active and powerful role in the climate movement.

Immigrant Justice is Climate Justice

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Immigrant activists will help us look at the connection between the climate crisis and current immigration policies in the U.S., heal from the harm we have suffered, and explore ways to create a more just, inclusive, and life-sustaining world. The immigration crisis affects not only undocumented immigrants, international students and green card holders. It affects us all — our family, friends, neighbors,



co-workers, and fellow humans, and as the children, grandchildren, and descendants of immigrants. Immigrants are not “them” — they are “us.”

Friday, September 25

War and Climate Justice

10 AM – 12 PM

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 and emotional trauma. The U.S. has again expanded its military budget at the expense of climate solutions. We must end war and heal from its effects to resolve the climate emergency.

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

1:30 – 3:30 PM

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. Oppression divides us and leaves us feeling powerless; with healing we can move toward unity. This workshop will focus on listening to one another without holding back our emotions to reclaim our strength as leaders and commit ourselves to using the power we have to make change.

Understanding Antisemitism: Learning ways to end the use of antisemitism as a wedge issue dividing progressive movements

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Antisemitism has increased significantly worldwide in the recent period. In this workshop, you will learn a progressive understanding of antisemitism and a set of intergroup tools for healing that can help us to defeat the use of antisemitism to divide movements: the climate movement, antiracism work, gay liberation, and women’s liberation work.

Saturday, September 26

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

10 AM – 1 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, make art in a safe and unpressured environment, free ourselves from emotional burdens, and celebrate our creativity and connection to the earth.

Artificial Intelligence and Climate Change

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Artificial intelligence (AI) carries significant environmental costs and damage that are frequently overlooked. We will examine the growing climate impact of AI, with a focus on examining and healing from any powerlessness we feel in taking on the AI industrial complex.

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

2 – 4:30 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 the healing power of engaged listening and a Subversive Catwalk of up-cycled, message-adorned clothing.

