



Fast Facts for Fast Fashion: An introduction to women, fast fashion and climate justice

DATE:

Saturday, November 14, 2020

TIME:

1:30–2:30 PM GMT (Glasgow) | 8:30–9:30 AM EST (New York)

REGISTER:

[Register here](#) for Zoom workshop (optional support group after)

LANGUAGES:

In English

ONLINE WORKSHOP

Fashion is the second most-polluting industry in the world after oil. Its value is estimated at three trillion dollars. It produces more greenhouse emissions than international flights and shipping combined. It is one of the largest consumers of freshwater on the planet.

Women are targeted by and vulnerable to the fashion industry. Women are also disproportionately affected by the climate emergency. Women can play a key role in the fight for climate justice and a sustainable economic system. This workshop is an opportunity to:

- ★ Gain a clear picture of how the lives of women in the Global North and the Global South are affected by the fashion industry, by the production, marketing, and distribution of cheap, intentionally disposable clothing
- ★ View *a:dress*, a short film featuring women artists who use a “subversive catwalk” to take on the issues of fast fashion, sexism, racism, and climate justice
- ★ Hear from a diverse group of women about the approaches used by Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism to heal from the damage of oppression, increase our effectiveness in the climate justice movement, and prevent burnout



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It is possible to limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment—and some big changes are needed if this is to happen. Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) believe the environmental crisis cannot be resolved without ending racism, genocide of Indigenous peoples, classism, sexism, and other oppressions. The impact of environmental destruction and climate change falls most heavily on the groups targeted by these oppressions, and on other vulnerable populations (including populations of people who are elderly, disabled and very young).

To build a movement powerful enough to resolve the climate crisis, SAL and UER believe that the following barriers must be overcome: (1) longstanding divisions between nations and between groups of people caused by oppression (especially by racism, genocide of Indigenous people, and classism), (2) widespread feelings of discouragement and powerlessness, (3) a too-slow response to the escalating damage to the earth's climate, (4) difficulties in effectively addressing the connections between the environmental crisis and the failures of our economic system.

We have found that these barriers are most quickly overcome as people heal from the mental and emotional harm caused by oppression. SAL and UER events provide opportunities for people to take turns listening to each other while encouraging emotional release. We become better able to think, speak out, organize, unite, and lead others in building a sustainable world.

SAL and UER are projects of and use the tools of Re-evaluation Counseling, which currently exists in 95 countries.

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