



## Sustaining All Life & United to End Racism at Climate Week • September 17-23, 2023

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 and forums that address barriers to resolving the climate emergency. Our events will also show participants how to exchange effective listening to free themselves from the emotional and mental harm resulting from oppression and other hurtful experiences—harm that can interfere with thinking about and responding effectively to the climate crisis.



### Workshops

Workshops share our perspective on current aspects of the climate emergency and offer tools of engaged listening to free ourselves and others from emotional hurts that interfere with our thinking and functioning. Our workshops are interactive, giving participants the chance to share their experiences and be listened to as well as listen to others.

#### **New Yorkers and the Climate Movement: Great Successes, More to Do!**

**Monday, September 18, 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

As New Yorkers we will share our perspective on current global climate issues and how taking action in New York contributes to making progress on the climate crisis overall. We'll also share how some simple tools can help us keep going strong, and how our effective listening to others not yet involved can help us engage them in the climate movement.

#### **The Legacy of Colonization and Racism in Africa**

**Monday, September 18, 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

Colonialism and racism have had devastating effects on the way of life of many Africans, leaving them extremely vulnerable to the effects of climate change. However, it is possible to heal from this trauma and strengthen the resolve to combat and end the climate emergency. Africans will share how they have personally experienced racism and colonialism as well as their resolve, commitment, courage, and hope.

#### **Listening to Latin America, building a climate movement by and for our people**

**Monday, September 18, 1:30 - 3 PM**

As people of Latin America, we know how capable and resilient we are and how precious our territories and all the life that inhabits them are. We will remember and share our experiences of what we have lost, but also focus on what we want to protect and preserve.

#### **Escuchar a Latinoamérica, construyendo un movimiento climático por y para nuestra gente**

**Lunes, 18 de septiembre, 1:30 - 3 PM**

Como personas de Latinoamérica sabemos lo capaces y resilientes que somos, así como lo preciados que son nuestros territorios y toda la vida que en ellos habita. Podremos recordar y compartir experiencias de lo que hemos perdido, pero también lo que queremos proteger y conservar.

#### **How the Global North can accept responsibility for the climate emergency and act fairly to solve it**

**Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

This workshop will highlight the human patterns of behavior that underlie the Global North's accumulation and maintenance of the world's financial resources. It will suggest some strategies for assisting the Global North to accept its historical responsibility for the climate emergency and apply its wealth to address it.

#### **The Central Role of Young People in the Climate Movement**

**Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

We will share why it's important for young people to be at the forefront of the climate movement in an oppressive society that tells us we're not important and why our relationships with each other are key in making big changes possible. We will have fun, share our experiences as young people, and connect with each other and our allies.

#### **Backing Indigenous Leaders: where ending the Climate Crisis, and Decolonization Meet**

**Tuesday, September 19, 1:30 - 3 PM**

Colonization and capitalism have disconnected us from our connection with each other, our basic human needs, and the land. There is so much to learn from indigenous cultures, especially around our relationships – with nature, ourselves, and each other. We will share ways we can use engaged listening to back Indigenous leaders and heal ourselves from the damaging effects of colonization.

All events are at 12 East 41st Street, Manhattan, unless otherwise indicated.

No registration required for in-person attendance.

Several events will be streamed, register here: [rc.org/climateweekonline](https://rc.org/climateweekonline)



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### Workshops, continued

#### The Intersection of Climate Change and Racism in the Southern US

Wednesday, September 20, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

The Southern U.S. bears the brunt of the climate crisis in the U.S.—with hurricanes, sea level rise, tornadoes, drought, and severe storms affecting millions of people and damaging their homes, land, waters, farms, and livelihoods. We will look at how racism and economic injustice cause these impacts to fall disproportionately on Native, Black, Brown, and low-wealth communities, as well as on young people.

#### Thinking About Disability and Climate Change

Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

We will offer insights into the oppression and stereotypes that affect people with disabilities as well as the increasing impact of the climate crises on their lives. We are often left out of discussions with activists and policy makers who don't understand the resources needed to help people with disabilities survive in environmentally compromised circumstances.

#### Artists at the Center

Friday, September 22, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Art is at the center of every social movement! Join us for a hands-on art-making workshop. We will share stories of how climate change has affected our lives and the people we care about. We will learn exciting ways to make art inspired by our stories. No experience is necessary—everyone is welcome!

#### Jews, Land, and Climate Café

Friday, September 22, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Jews, like all peoples, are deeply connected to the earth, to all life forms, and to the places we live. Antisemitism, however, has historically led to Jews losing our multi-generational connections to the many lands where we have existed. We warmly invite Jews, and our friends and allies, to join us in sharing artworks – poetry, songs, visuals – in celebration of Jewish connection with the living environment, both past and present.

#### Eliminating the Effects of Racism on Our Work to Sustain All Life

Saturday, September 23, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Racism has a deeply damaging and divisive effect on everyone. Please join us in this interactive workshop to hear about the effective approaches used by Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism to heal from the damaging effects of racism, both on us personally and on our climate organizations and movement.

#### Making a Climate for Families

Saturday, September 23, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Central Park: Mineral Springs (note different location)

Join us for some intergenerational fun for families, while thinking about our mother earth and how we can work together to reverse climate change. We'll make art together—visuals, music, dance, movement, and storytelling. We'll have circles where people can share their visions of a family-friendly environment. We'll have a circus-inspired parade to bring us together and imagine a future that works for all living things.

#### Mental Health Liberation: Tools for Climate Activists

Saturday, September 23, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Join us at this workshop to learn about a powerful framework for understanding how oppressive societies enforce passivity, over-consumption, numbness, and isolation as “normal.” We will share simple and effective tools you can use to face difficult feelings about the climate crisis and build emotional support for your climate activism now.

### Forum

Activists of all ages from around the world will speak about the impact of climate change on their people, their work, and stories of hope and courage in activism.

#### Voices from the Frontlines of the Climate Emergency

Friday, September 22, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

We welcome activists on the frontlines of the climate crisis to this forum to talk about the impact of climate change on their countries and in their communities. It will offer everyone a unique and personal opportunity to better understand the current threats of climate change in the Global South. This will also be an opportunity to share individual stories of activism that communicate determination, hope, and courage.

### Class

#### Introduction to the Tools of Sustaining All Life

Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Friday, September 22, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

We will offer an in-depth look at tools that have helped people address emotional barriers to effective climate organizing--sharing details of our theory and providing opportunities to practice our listening tools in pairs and small groups. We will demonstrate how using these tools can help us address common struggles experienced by climate activists and organizers working to build the movement needed to tackle the climate emergency.

### Listening Circles

Listening circles based on shared experiences follow each workshop and forum. Listening circles give people a chance to be listened to about feelings connected to climate change. Having the chance to share feelings of grief, fear, anger, discouragement, and hope in a mutually supportive group can refresh and give us new ideas for action.

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