

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SAL/USER AT CLIMATE WEEK, PULLED FROM THE EMAILS TO THE DELEGATION

ALL DELEGATION MEETINGS

These meetings are important to get an overview of what we are doing and be updated on the specifics of our plans. Please come if you can or watch the recordings of meetings on our webpage.

CLIMATE CLOCK

We will carry a Climate Clock while we march and it will be on display in our rooms. The clock cycles through important facts about the Climate Emergency, a countdown to staying below 1.5, and the location of SAL events.

CLIMATE RIBBON TREE

We will set up the “Climate Ribbon Tree” daily around town and use it to attract people to our workshops. In addition to listening to them think about our question: “What do you love and hope to never lose to climate chaos,” we tell them who we are and what we are doing at Climate Week. Ideally this will be outside sites relevant to Climate Week.

See the document on our webpage: Climate Ribbon Tree.

COMMUNICATION DURING THE WEEK

Important announcements will be made at the daily Delegation Meetings (9 – 9:30 am and 4:30 – 5:30 pm) on the Signal thread NYC CW 2024 and posted to our webpage. Share other info on the ChitChat NYC CW 2024 thread.

CONSTITUENCY SUPPORT GROUPS

We will organize support groups for all the major constituencies. Please attend the support group meetings if you can. We encourage the leaders to schedule at least one event in advance of Climate Week and one (or some kind of gathering) during the week.

COVID

We have posted our COVID policy on the webpage. Please read and follow it. This variant of COVID seems more contagious. Please think about what kind of backup will your event have? Will other leaders/organizers on the team take over for sick leaders/organizers? Or will you reach outside the team for that help?

DELEGATION WEBPAGE

All important information will be posted on our delegation webpage and updated regularly. https://www.rc.org/publication/environment/nyccw_2024

DRESS REHEARSALS

Each workshop must hold a dress rehearsal in the weeks before Climate Week, where there

is a “run through” of the content and staging of the workshop, to gather feedback on the presentation.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions to do fun things together will be organized for some evenings. These are optional.

THE FOUNDATION AND SAL/UER

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and as such cannot “participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.” We are attending Climate Week and leading our events as Sustaining All Life, a project of the Re-evaluation Foundation, and must be “non-partisan” in our presentations.

This means that SAL workshop leaders cannot make partisan comments (i.e. comments supporting Kamala Harris or opposing Donald Trump, or supporting Democrats and opposing Republicans) in official organization publications or at official functions of the organization (i.e. SAL workshops at NYC Climate Week). We may make statements as individual SAL delegates, so long as they are not in a SAL publication or part of a SAL presentation.

We may address the issues of a campaign (including stating the views of each candidate) so long as we do not show a bias or preference with respect to the views of a particular candidate or party.

Given the level of enthusiasm some of us feel for Kamala Harris, this will require us to carefully examine what we plan to say and remove any parts of our talk that could violate these laws. In an abundance of caution, we should keep any conversations about the candidates themselves off of the 7th floor.

It will be fine for you to clarify, as you explain SAL, that the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

GAMES

We’d like to have each workshop have a break where you play a game, or sing a song, or move bodies together—all to pull people’s attention out through a little fun.

Elaine and Hao-Li are thinking about games so if you need support for thinking about games or game ideas, please contact them.

HANDOUTS

Each workshop will give each attendee the SAL pamphlet, Tools for Climate Organizing,

and up to 3 relevant handouts. The available handouts are listed here. Please include that information on your media form so we can place our print order early.

We ask that everyone on each team has read any handouts that their workshop is using. We want people on the team to be able to answer questions about them.

We will also have a rack of literature in each of the two workshops rooms where there will be copies of all of the available SAL handouts and pamphlets.

JOBS

Everyone will have a delegation job in addition to leading and organizing the events. They are listed in the job descriptions and assignments doc on the [webpage](#) and will be posted at our site. Let us know if you cannot perform a job we have assigned you. Please read the job descriptions document carefully. Many jobs require a team of people. The leader of the team is listed first. If we are asking too much of you, please notify the jobs coordinator.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We'd like each event to do a short land acknowledgement at the beginning of your event, based on information we provide you (in consultation with our Indigenous members).

LANGUAGE LIBERATION

Please say something like this near the beginning of your event. We will not have breaks for language because we are not doing interpreting this year.

All languages are important. While English is the dominant language in the US, there are many people in the US whose first language, and the language spoken at home, is other than English. Please raise your hand if English is not your native language (you might ask them which languages they speak). We will attempt to speak slowly so that everyone can understand. Please let us know if we speed up and need to go slower.

Useful information for leaders: Slowing down, using clear and simple language, and avoiding the use of US-centered expressions and colloquialisms are all useful for non-native English speakers. If there are two attendees with the same language, you could encourage them to do the listening exchange together.

LISTENING PROJECTS

We use listening projects (LPs) both to help people see the value of being listening to well, and also to draw people to our events by holding LPs targeted at specific events in the 24 hours before each event. Each LP will have a general question about climate change and a targeted question. We'll have a list of possible questions to use. For the targeted events please use a question from that list. Distribute our flyer of events at the LPs.

For more details, see the document on our webpage: [How to Do a Listening Project](#)

THE MARCH

There is usually a march at events SAL/UER attends. We'd like as many of us as possible to be there to march together as a contingent. Please let the organizers know whether you will or will not be with us, and those of us attending will meet as a group in advance and have specific assignments. Everyone should carry flyers and some basic materials. If there is a rally after, we will try to do listening projects, listening circles, and pop-up workshops. Please do not get arrested.

This year we are marching with Fridays for Future on Friday the 20th. The march will start at 2 pm in Foley Square (Manhattan), cross the Brooklyn Bridge, and end at Brooklyn Borough Hall (about 2 miles). We will gather early to organize.

See the document on our webpage: SAL and marches.

OUTREACH & ACTIONARS

Every event should think about specific outreach they might do. The delegation organizers will think about outreach to the week as a whole. Distributing our flyer widely (emailing the PDF and handing out the hard copy) and the listening projects are central to our efforts, as well as talking to people we know in the location.

If you can help us with outreach, or have feelings about doing outreach, please join one of our outreach actionars. We will discharge our feelings about doing outreach and then do the actual work of inviting people together in the company of your beloved cocos while getting to know new beloveds!

PICNIC, RECEPTION

We often end our week with an invitation-only, informal get together where we open with a little info about who we are, and then have relaxed hangout time. We have our materials and light refreshments there. We print invitations to distribute to attendees and people we want to have ongoing contact with. This year we are doing a picnic at Bryant Park on Saturday the 28th from 4 – 7 pm.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

We will regularly update a schedule showing all events, location, and staffing for the week. Please check it regularly for changes. Each delegate will also receive an individual schedule; it will be updated once the week before we arrive.

SIGNAL

Signal is a very useful communication tool for us. Please learn the basics. You can use it to text anyone on the delegation. You can set up groups within Signal for any mix of people in the delegation—leaders' teams, organizers' teams, and so on. If you need help, ask Diane or Amy to help you.

STAFFING THE WORKSHOPS, INTROS, AND LISTENING PROJECTS AND CLIMATE RIBBON TREE

Everyone has a mix of leading or organizing workshops and the intros, and staffing the listening projects (LPs) and Climate Ribbon Tree (CRTs). If there is illness or someone can't show up for their role in a workshop or intro, we will pull people off the LPs and CRTs to fill in as possible. If it turns out the schedule is too stressful for us, we'll cancel or cut back the hours on some LPs or CRTs. Those decisions should be made in consultation with Diane if possible.

And we know that people have different levels of stamina and abilities to do these, so you can shorten the time you will be in the LP or CRT as needed. Please inform the leader of the LP or CRT if you won't be there the whole time.

We may also end up having the LP and the CRT at the same location some days... each one should attract people to both events, and that way we would only need one table of materials.

T-SHIRTS, BAGS, NAME-TAGS

We want to be identifiable to our guests, so we have SAL bling. Please always wear your name tag and carry your SAL bag when you go out to listening projects, the Climate Ribbon Tree, and the march. We'd like for everyone to wear their SAL T-shirt some of the time, so that at all of our events there are lots of people with SAL T-shirts. If you have a SAL T-shirt or bag, please bring it with you and use it.

UNSCHEDULED TIME

Everyone will be scheduled to do 2 things most days. At other times, we hope everyone will have time to have a short session, eat lunch, and relax a little bit. Having at least a 20 minute each-way session every day is important! There should be an unscheduled room on the 7th floor at all times.

You are welcome to attend events you are not part of. If our event rooms are full (we hope!), we will ask non-essential delegation members to give up their chair.

We do ask that before you head off for down time you look around and see if there is anything that needs doing.

VOLUNTEERS

We will have some volunteers from the local RC Communities with us some days. Please welcome them and answer their questions.

VOTE CLIMATE STICKERS AT THE MARCH

Fridays for Future (the group organizing the march) has agreed that we can distribute the

VOTE CLIMATE / 2028istoolate stickers at the march. (This is Diane's project, separate from SAL/UER. See more about the sticker project [here](#).) We will have a place (blanket on the ground? steps? table?) where we set up a display and hand the stickers out before and after the march. We can also hand them out while we march, but not as easily. If you would like to help organize this or carry a sticker sign while you march, please Signal Diane—we will need to meet Friday at noon to get organized. (We'll meet at a lunch place near the start of the march then join the rest of the delegation at 1:30 pm.) Everyone will have some stickers to hand out, but for several people it will be their main job at the march.

WELCOMING PEOPLE TO OUR SPACE

During the time before each event we rely on everyone present on the 7th Floor to welcome guests and help them settle in: answer questions, show them the materials table, direct them to the restroom, etc. If you see people you don't know on the floor at other times, please greet them and find out what they are looking for.

WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Our workshop is from 10 am to 5 pm at the Little Sun People School, at 352-358 Classon Avenue, in Brooklyn. Please be on time. It will be open at 9:30 am. Here's the link for those Zooming

in: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2918667997?pwd=azE0ZlR3TXpRZVY1aDIUZlpuWG9sUT09>