

Pacific Island Voices

DATE:

TIME:

REGISTER:

LANGUAGES:

Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:00 PM EDT (New York, USA) | 22:00 UTC (optional support group after)

Register here for Zoom forum

In English, interpreted into Tagalog, Bisaya, Japanese

ONLINE FORUM



Indigenous people have occupied the Pacific Islands for thousands of years, living sustainably and compatibly with the environment—having the knowledge, respect, care and interdependent relationship with all living things. The climate crisis threatens their homes, way of life, their very existence.

People from the Pacific Islands will speak from their personal experiences on:

1) the impact of climate change on their countries/communities and 2) their organizing work to end the climate emergency. Pacific Islanders are invited to signup in advance for one of the limited speaking slots.

Join us to listen and learn from frontline people! The forum format gives participants a chance to more fully understand and relate as well as to share through paired listening exchanges. Sharing experiences is a powerful tool that strengthens our activism.











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The Work of SAL and UER





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.

For more information: www.sustainingalllife.org www.unitedtoendracism.org

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