



WORKSHOP»

## MIGRATION IS A CLIMATE ISSUE

**DATE:** Monday, September 23, 2019

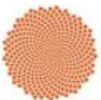
**TIME:** 5:00PM – 6:30PM

**LOCATION:** New York Disaster Interfaith Services  
4 West 43 Street, Suite 407, New York, NY 10036

Immigrant rights is a climate justice issue. Inequities in our society have resulted in a world where there are countries and people that are historically the cause of the climate crisis, and different countries and people that are the victims and survivors of the climate crisis. Climate change impacts economic stability, agriculture, and conflict. Migration from the global south to the global north is accelerating along with the climate emergency. Migration will be one of the largest impacts of climate change in our lifetimes.

In this workshop, participants will:

- ★ Learn about the root causes of migration,
- ★ Hear stories of the impact of climate change on people who are the victims of the climate crisis,
- ★ Examine barriers to opening our borders to climate refugees,
- ★ Learn 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.



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## THE WORK OF SAL & UER

It is possible to limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment, but some very large changes in our economy and the lives we live are needed for this to happen.

Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) believe the environmental crisis cannot be resolved without ending racism, genocide toward Indigenous peoples, classism, sexism, and other oppressions.

We believe that the barriers to building a large and powerful movement sufficient to make the needed changes include (1) longstanding divisions (caused by oppression, and especially racism and classism) between nations and between groups of people, (2) widespread feelings of discouragement and powerlessness, (3) denial of or failure to engage with the escalating damage to the earth's climate, and (4) difficulties in effectively addressing the connections between the environmental crisis and the failures of our economic system.

The mental and emotional harm done to us by oppression and other hurtful experiences interferes with our ability to think clearly and sets groups of people against each other. In SAL and UER we have learned that it is possible to free ourselves from these hurts and address barriers to effective organizing. By taking turns listening to each other and encouraging emotional release, people can heal from the mental and emotional harm and become better able to think, speak out, and organize 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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**For more information, see:**

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