

Building Resilient Movements to End the Climate Emergency

DATE: TIME: **REGISTER:**

Friday, September 25, 2020

4:00 PM EDT (New York, USA) | 20:00 UTC (optional support group after)

Register here for Zoom workshop

In English, interpreted into French and Spanish

ONLINE WORKSHOP

LANGUAGES:



We who have been involved in building movements have been and continue to be a powerful force for social change. We have challenged systems of oppression (for example: classism, sexism, racism, homophobia) and war, destruction of land, and dehumanization of people.

We know how to fight systems of oppression. We have also experienced interpersonal conflict and internalized oppression. Unresolved, these can derail our movements.

Join us to:

- ★ Gain skills in interrupting conflicts that not only replicate systems of oppression but also impede our social justice work
- ★ Learn the approaches used by Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) to heal from the damage of oppression, increase our effectiveness in the climate justice movement, and prevent burnout
- ★ Hear from people who have applied these tools to resolve hurtful experiences and become more effective at reaching our goals for a sustainable future









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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:
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