



WORKSHOP»

WOMEN & CLIMATE JUSTICE

DATE: Sunday, September 22, 2019

TIME: 10:00AM – 11:30AM (support group following)

LOCATION: 4W43 Building, Green Room
4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036
Between 5th and 6th Avenues

The climate emergency disproportionately impacts women and the essential work that we do. Women have lower socioeconomic status and power than men, so disasters leave us worse off. Multiple oppressions multiply the impact. The climate crisis creates societal instability, which increases rape and other violence against women. Women's intelligence and understanding of the importance of relationships need to be at the center of climate solutions. Sexism, male domination, and artificial divisions between white women and women of color are huge obstacles to ending climate change. We will:

- ★ Listen to women's experiences in this time of climate crisis.
- ★ 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, and prevent burnout.
- ★ Allow women and men to heal from the damage done by sexism and male domination, transforming the power dynamics between women and men so that women are central in all decision-making and we can be true allies.



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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.



Sustaining All Life

For more information, see:

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