



# Sustaining All Life & United to End Racism

## at New York City Climate Week • September 22-28, 2025

**Sustaining All Life (SAL)** and **United to End Racism (UER)** are international grassroots organizations working to end the climate emergency within the context of ending all divisions among people. At Climate Week, SAL/UER will present many interactive workshops that address barriers to resolving the climate emergency. Our events will also show participants how to exchange effective listening to free themselves from the emotional and mental harm resulting from oppression, rising authoritarianism, and other hurtful experiences—harm that can interfere with thinking about and responding effectively to the climate crisis and ending racism.

### Monday, September 22

#### Africa on the Frontlines of Climate Change\*

**Online**  
**10 – 11:30 AM**

Africa accounts for less than 4% of global emissions yet is hugely impacted by the climate crisis. African leaders from across the continent will share about the impact of climate change in their countries and communities and their ongoing work to stop it. Come hear personal stories of activism that communicate determination, hope, and courage.

#### Backing Indigenous Leaders: Where Ending the Climate Crisis and Decolonization Meet\*

**2 – 3:30 PM**

Colonization and capitalism have disconnected us from each other, our basic human needs, and the land. There is so much to learn from Indigenous cultures, especially about our relationships with nature, ourselves, and each other. In this workshop we will share ways we can use engaged listening to back Indigenous leaders and heal ourselves from the damaging effects of colonization.

#### How Do We Create Meaningful Climate Action in an Increasingly Authoritarian USA?\*

**2 – 3:30 PM**

The roll-back from this administration on climate solutions is disastrous, especially as the U.S. is the world's largest historical emitter of greenhouse gasses. The rising authoritarianism of our government further stifles climate action. We can and must face and push back against rising authoritarianism as we come together to explore how we can effectively address the existential threat we face in the climate emergency.

### Wednesday, September 24

#### No “Throw-Away” People: Racism and the Climate Crisis\*

**10 – 11:30 AM**

The climate crisis and racism are deeply connected. The exploitation of the majority of the world's people and the planet for the benefit of a small minority has led us to the existential crisis our species is facing. Join us to look at the damage caused by racism and share tools for building relationships within and across racial lines that enhance our efforts to end racism and build a strong climate movement.

#### Staying Hopeful and Engaged in Challenging Times\*

**10 – 11:30 AM**

We can face the ways the climate crisis and the current political situation cause many of us to feel discouraged, anxious, angry, and hopeless and we can create places to work through these feelings and come together to take action.

#### Re-Wear the Revolution—Street Event On the steps of the New York Public Library, 5th Avenue & 41st Street

**11:30 AM – 2 PM**

Come meet us and share ideas of what needs to happen to stop the devastating impact fast fashion has on the climate, the environment, and biodiversity. Come and embellish an evening dress with messages and have your work shown in future Subversive Catwalks.

#### African American Voices—First, Worst, and Forgotten: Black Communities and the Climate Crisis\*

**2 – 3:30 PM**

African American communities have long faced the brunt of environmental hazards. This workshop explores how climate change, toxic contamination, and



structural racism intersect. Join us to examine the urgent call for climate justice, elevate African American voices, and reimagine solutions rooted in fairness, equity, and sustainability.

### Thursday, September 25

#### What’s ‘Normal’? Mental Health Liberation for Climate Activists\*

**1 – 2:30 PM**

Learn how oppressive societies enforce passivity, overconsumption, numbness, and isolation as “normal.” We will share simple and effective tools that can help us face difficult feelings about the climate crisis and build emotional support for our climate activism.

#### How to Listen to and Build Allies When We Disagree\*

**1 – 2:30 PM**

We need to build friendships and win people over who we strongly disagree with to have the large, effective movement needed to end the climate crisis. We will share tools for listening to people when we strongly disagree with what they say.

#### The Intersection of Climate Change and Racism in the Southern US\*

**4:30 – 6 PM**

We will address the key challenges facing frontline communities in the South as we address the climate crisis and racism, how the current political situation threatens lives and hinders our capacity to resist in the South, and how the path for ending the climate crisis and racial injustice in the U.S. runs through this region.

\* Optional one hour healing circle follows.

All events at **12 East 41st Street, 7th Floor, Manhattan**, unless otherwise indicated.  
Registration suggested (we'll send you a reminder) but not required except for online events.



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Healing Climate Trauma and Grief\*

4:30 – 6 PM

This workshop will support participants to heal some of the trauma induced by the climate crisis. Awareness of the climate crisis is growing along with the existential threat that it poses for humans and all life on planet earth. Participants will learn tools for trauma healing and have a safe space to tell their story of the trauma they experienced as a result of climate change.

Friday, September 26

Immigrant Justice is Climate Justice\*

10 – 11:30 AM

Immigrant activists will lead us to take a deep look at the connection between the climate crisis and current immigration policies in the U.S. and explore ways to change policies towards a more just, inclusive, and life-sustaining world.

Women’s Leadership in Climate Justice: It will not happen without us!\*

10 – 11:30 AM

The voices and leadership of women and girls are key in the fight for climate justice. Imagine every woman accessing her untapped genius and boldly fighting against oppression and all injustices—specifically climate and sexism. All that stops us is feeling powerless. Oppression divides us; we can move toward unity. This workshop will focus on unveiling our strength as leaders and committing ourselves to the power we have to make change.

The Importance of Artists and Art-making in the Climate Movement

2 – 3:30 PM

Artists are harnessing the power of art to organize, connect, and educate to play key roles in calling attention to, and organizing around, the climate crisis. Join us to explore the impact of art and creativity in the climate movement, make art in a safe and unpressured environment, and celebrate our creativity and connection to the earth.



Saturday, September 27

War and Climate Justice\*

10 – 11:30 AM

Modern warfare has unleashed unprecedented environmental havoc in addition to tremendous loss of life. War is a tool of oppression and genocide that installs the dominant culture and allows it to take control of land and resources. The U.S. just stripped funding from climate solutions and expanded its military budget. We must end war to resolve the climate emergency.

The Central Role of Young People in the Climate Movement\*

11 – 12:30 PM

Young people are at the front lines of the climate crisis. It is our future that is threatened, yet we have the least say in how society is run. In this workshop younger people look at young people's oppression and find ways to move past the oppression to being involved in the climate movement.

Re-Wear the Revolution: Women, Fast Fashion, Eco Action\*

2 – 4 PM

Fashion is the second most-polluting industry in the world after oil. The lives of women everywhere are affected by the production, marketing, and distribution of cheap, intentionally disposable clothing. Join us to experience a Subversive Catwalk of up-cycled, message-adorned clothing.

Sunday, September 28

Intro to the Tools of SAL/UER\*

10 – 11:30 AM

This workshop offers an in-depth look at listening tools that have helped people address emotional barriers to effective climate organizing. We will provide opportunities to practice in pairs and small groups. These listening tools can help us with struggles we often experience in our work as climate activists and organizers.

Tools for Building Unity with Groups in Conflict\*

10 – 11:30 AM

We need a unified climate movement to end the climate emergency. We will demonstrate tools for building allyship between groups that have historically been divided from each other. We will share stories that inspire hope that groups in conflict can reach across the divides and become allies to each other's peoples.

Exploitation and Debt— Implications for Climate and Human Services in Africa\*

Online

1 – 2:30 PM

Many African and Global South nations have been exploited by wealthier countries that have been extracting their resources for years without fair compensation. We will use a case study of Ghana and propose policies and practices to address debt and support climate mitigation and adaptation.

Healing Circles

Healing circles in which we share our experiences will immediately follow each workshop. Healing circles give people a chance to be listened to about feelings connected to the climate emergency in the U.S. today. Sharing our feelings of grief, fear, anger, discouragement, and hope in a mutually supportive group can refresh us and give us new ideas for action.

Gathering in the Park

Saturday, September 27, 6:30 – 8 PM

Come unwind with us at Bryant Park after a successful NYC Climate Week. We'll have snacks and cold drinks.

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