



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT

DATES: **Sept. 22, 2019** • 10AM-11:30AM* Aqua Room
Sept. 24, 2019 • 1PM – 2:30PM* Aqua Room
* support groups following each workshop

LOCATION: **4W43 Building**
4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036
Interpretation available upon request.
Venue is wheelchair accessible.

Young people of color are powerful agents of social change, playing vital roles in the climate movement today. Many are already living through the challenges of the climate crisis—all over the world. They can be even more powerful and effective with active support from adult allies who back them to stand against young people's oppression and racism.

Adults are needed to fight climate change through their own initiatives and by supporting young people taking action, without requiring their work to look like that of adults. This means listening to and respecting the thinking of young people of color and staying close as they take action. Adult allies will need to do independent work on racism and young people's oppression.

Participants will:

- ★ Learn about the oppression of young people of color and the impact of internalized racism and young people's oppression.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Hear how adults can support youth of color to organize effectively.



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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.

For more information, see:

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