

Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism Forums

INDIGENOUS VOICES

Tuesday, 9/11 | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | Alley Cat Books
Wednesday, 9/12 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | SF City College downtown

Indigenous people will share stories of how their people and their land have been affected by climate change, and how they organize to stop it. This “open forum” welcomes Indigenous people to speak from their personal experience of how their land, nations and communities are being impacted by climate change now. Everyone can use this unique opportunity to hear directly from people being most seriously harmed.

CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPACT ON FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES

Saturday, 9/8 | after march | SF Civic Center
Wednesday, 9/12 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | SF City College downtown

Learning from the experiences of people already affected by climate change is an important part of the Global Climate Action Summit Social Movement. In this forum people from frontline communities and countries will speak from their personal experience on how their countries and communities are being impacted by climate change now.

Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism are international grassroots organizations working to end climate change within the context of ending racism and all other divisions among people. We use the tools of Re-evaluation Counseling* to free ourselves from the harm done by oppression and other experiences that separate us from one another and from the world around us. These tools provide ongoing mutual support and enable people to listen deeply to one another as we do personal healing work. Our goals include:

- Increasing awareness of the existence of and damage caused by climate change,
- Freeing people from racism and other oppressions and hurts that turn people against one another, make them compete for resources, and obscure their common interests,
- Supporting one another to organize effectively to preserve and restore the environment as we end racism and all oppression.

* Re-evaluation Counseling (RC) is a well-defined theory and practice that helps people of all ages and backgrounds exchange effective help with each other in order to free themselves from the emotional scars of oppression and other hurts. By taking turns listening to each other and encouraging emotional release, people can heal old wounds and become better able to think, to speak out, and to organize and lead others in building a world in which all life forms are valued and the environment is restored and preserved.

YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING ON CLIMATE CHANGE NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

Monday, 9/10 | 1:30 - 3:00 PM | SF City College downtown
Thursday, 9/13 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | SF City College downtown

Many young people are playing leading roles in our organizations and movements. Come listen to young activists speaking about their personal experiences and challenges as they organize against climate change and for climate justice.

VOICES OF HOPE AND COURAGE

Thursday, 9/13 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | SF City College downtown

We can use this opportunity to listen to one another's experiences as activists. Sharing out stories can inspire and unite us. We welcome activists to share personal stories of activism that communicate hope and courage. Others can use this unique opportunity to listen to and learn from our comrades, and share our own stories.

THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN CALIFORNIA

Monday, 9/10 | 11:30 - 1:00 PM | SF City College downtown
Wednesday, 9/12 | 1:00 - 2:30 PM | SF City College downtown
Friday, 9/14 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | SF City College downtown

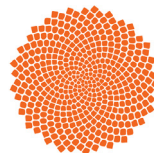
Many of the experiences of people directly affected by climate change are never reported in the media. This “open forum” welcomes people from California to speak from their personal experience on how they and their communities are being impacted by climate change.

Because of the timing of the Global Climate Action Summit, some of the advance activities unfortunately fall on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year (September 10 & 11) and the start of The Muslim New Year (September 11th). We want to acknowledge the importance of Rosh Hashanah and the Month of Muharram and welcome all those who will be celebrating them to participate in whichever activities make sense for you, or to find ways to bring the theme of ending climate change to your holiday observance.

Everyone Welcome!

Spanish interpretation available.

For more information and updates, see:
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