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YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT

DATES: **Sept. 22, 2019** • 1PM-2:30PM* Green Room
Sept. 24, 2019 • 4PM-5:30PM* Green 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 are a revolutionary force and have been at the forefront of many important social movements. Youth are playing a vital role in the climate movement today. The lack of respect for young people's thinking and leadership abilities can mean that the important abilities we have to offer are underutilized. We can internalize the lack of respect and fail to take ourselves seriously, despite our many accomplishments. Racism also interferes in our building strong relationships.

In this workshop, we will:

- ★ Communicate our understandings of young people's oppression and internalized oppression,
- ★ Communicate our vision for young leadership in the climate movement and how allies can support us,
- ★ Share tools for addressing racism that we can use in our relationships and movements,
- ★ 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.

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THE WORK OF SAL & UER

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.

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