

Post-March Guide: How to Continue Fighting for Climate Justice

This guide was put together by Zero Hour NYC to inform July 21st Youth Climate March participants in New York City and State on how to stay involved in the fight for climate justice. It enumerates some of the many next steps that participants should take.

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I. JOIN ZERO HOUR NYC

Sign up to volunteer with us: <http://bit.ly/joinzerohournyc>

Read about us & join our mailing list: zerohournyc.weebly.com

Follow us on social media:

Facebook/Instagram: [@thisiszerohour.nyc](https://www.facebook.com/thisiszerohour.nyc)

Twitter: [@zerohournyc](https://twitter.com/zerohournyc)

Support our legislative demands: [zerohournyc officialdemands](http://zerohournyc.officialdemands)

Zero Hour NYC is a coalition of city students dedicated to combating climate change and furthering a sustainable future. We are frustrated with how special interest politics have stymied legislative progress toward environmental and social justice. Reliance on dirty energy is not only putting people's future at risk, but also their present. As extreme weather and natural disasters occur more frequently around the world, we are seeing the emergence of a new climate refugee crises and an unprecedented scarcity of resources. Now is not the time for silence; now is the time for action. If lawmakers won't lead the way on their own, us students are ready to push them.

II. ATTEND CLIMATE EVENTS

July 24th, 2018 - Rise NY Mobilization Meeting, Co-Hosted by Zero Hour NYC

Tuesday, July 24th
6:30-8:30pm
NYSNA: 131 West 33rd Street, NY

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/395771087589281/>

On Tuesday, July 24th, Peoples Climate Movement-NY is hosting the RiseNY Mobilization Meeting and we need you there! Join us to learn how you can get plugged into the September 6th Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice Mobilization in NYC.

Here's What It's All About:

From September 12-14, 2018, the Global Climate Action Summit will be held in San Francisco. The national Peoples Climate Movement—the group that organized all the huge climate marches over the last 4 years—is calling for local mobilizations across the country in the weekend ahead of the Summit to demonstrate the peoples' demands for bold climate action. PCM-NY has been working with allies to organize the Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice demonstration in NYC on September 6. Our action in NYC will kick off the wave of protests and set the tone for mobilizations happening around the country.

July 26th, 2018 - The Clock Is Ticking: Off Fossil Fuels Campaign Meeting

Facebook Event:
https://www.facebook.com/events/210779829507948/?active_tab=about

Thursday, July 26
7:00 pm
New York Society for Ethical Culture
[2 West 64th Street, Manhattan](#)

The clock is ticking on our ability to stop climate catastrophe – and to influence Governor Cuomo to be a true climate leader.

Join us on July 26 for a very timely and important Off Fossil Fuels Campaign Meeting. We'll be conducting trainings on writing letters to the editor and petitioning, celebrating recent successes, and discussing further plans to pressure Cuomo to move New York off fossil fuels.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Eric Weltman at Food & Water Watch:
eweltman@fwwatch.org

July 29th, 2018 - Sunrise Movement Teach-in at the Museum of Natural History

Sunday, July 29th
Time: TBD

Central Park West 79th St, New York, NY 10024
(Details subject to change)

We are doing a presentation that outlines how the Koch brothers and the fossil fuel industry are toxic influences on our democracy.

July 30th-November 5th, 2018 - Climate Action Mondays,

RSVP: ClimateMondays@gmail.com

Mondays, 7-10pm

Calligaris, 144 West 18th Street

Facebook **Instagram**

Hosts: Food & Water Watch, 350NYC, Sunrise Movement, Rise & Resist, NY Progressive Action Network, DSA, & others.

The 2018 Election Climate War Room & Cabaret
Save-The-Planet Activism. Amazing Performances. BYOB.

TARGET - All 2018 Congressional Candidates.

DEMANDS -

The OFF FOSSIL FUELS ACT Pledge: 100% Clean Energy by 2035.

The NO FOSSIL FUELS MONEY Pledge: No Oil/Gas Campaign Donations.

July 30th, 2018 - Sunrise Movement Art Build

Monday, July 30

5-7pm in Park Slope

RSVP: Elise at ekfferguson@gmail.com

August 4th, 2018 - Rise Open Art Build

Saturday August 4, 1pm-5pm

[69 9th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215](#)

RSVP:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2005961982771961/>

Come to an art build for the September 6 Rise for Climate Jobs and Justice Rally and March. Help make art for this nationwide action of thousands of rallies in cities and towns all around the world. We demand that our local leaders commit to a halt to fossil fuel infrastructure, move to 100% renewable, community-led energy and make corporate polluters pay!

August 5th-11th, 2018 - Sunrise Movement Week of Action

RSVP: <https://www.sunrisemovement.org/heatweek2018/> or julia.epstein@sunrisemovement.org

Fossil fuel executives and lobbyists get away with their pay-to-play politics because they corrupt our democracy in the shadows. It's our role to bring their actions into the light. In 2018, young people are saying No More Fossil Fuel Money. Our home and futures are on the line; 2018 must be the year that fossil fuel executives no longer call the shots in Washington DC and across the US.

In August, three months before the November elections, we will turn up the heat on politicians like Governor Cuomo who take bribes from fossil fuel CEO's and lobbyists. We'll come together for a week of action from office sit-ins to petition deliveries at key offices across the country. We're putting our politicians on notice: stand up for our generation, or we'll replace you with someone who will.

August 16th, 2018 - Delivery at Cuomo's office against fracking infrastructure & Rise Open Art Build

Thursday August 16, 12pm-1pm
633 3rd Avenue, New York, New York (Cuomo's office)
RSVP: email lshindell@fwwatch.org

For months we've been collected petitions to Governor Cuomo to demand that he reject all fossil fuel infrastructure- from fracked gas pipelines to power plants to compressor stations and more. On August 16th, we'll deliver thousands of petitions to his Manhattan office and demand he take action. Join us, for an afternoon where we get to flex our power, and demand real climate action!

August 18th, 2018 - Rise Open Art Build

Saturday August 18, 1pm-6pm
[69 9th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215](#)

RSVP:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/270753367014883/>

Come to an art build for the September 6 Rise for Climate Jobs and Justice Rally and March. Help make art for this nationwide action of thousands of rallies in cities and towns all around the world. We demand that our local leaders commit to a halt to fossil fuel infrastructure, move to 100% renewable, community-led energy and make corporate polluters pay!

August 23th, 2018 Rise Open Art Build

Thursday August 23, 7pm-9pm
[69 9th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215](#)

RSVP:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/554322168315976/>

Come to an art build for the September 6 Rise for Climate Jobs and Justice Rally and March. Help make art for this nationwide action of thousands of rallies in cities and towns all around the world. We demand that our local leaders commit to a halt to fossil fuel infrastructure, move to 100% renewable, community-led energy and make corporate polluters pay!

August 28th, 2018 - Rise Open Art Build

Tuesday August 28, 7pm-9:30pm

[69 9th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215](#)

RSVP:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/274159826667687/>

Come to an art build for the September 6 Rise for Climate Jobs and Justice Rally and March. Help make art for this nationwide action of thousands of rallies in cities and towns all around the world. We demand that our local leaders commit to a halt to fossil fuel infrastructure, move to 100% renewable, community-led energy and make corporate polluters pay!

September 6th, 2018 - Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/395771087589281/>

The weekend before the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco, the Peoples Climate Movement will lead a nation-wide mobilization: Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice. The first action will be on Thursday, September 6th, as New Yorkers gather in lower Manhattan at 5:30pm demanding immediate action from Governor Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Bill de Blasio, and all elected officials.

Join us to Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice and march for our demands to:

- Just transition to 100% renewable energy now.
- Halt all fossil fuel infrastructure.
- Make corporate polluters pay.

September 24th, 2018 - Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan to Reverse Global Warming

Join us for an important presentation and panel discussion on **Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming**(<https://www.drawdown.org/>),

Moderator: Bill McKibben, Founder, [350.org](#)

See full list of panelists on FB <https://www.facebook.com/events/813768525679021/>

\$10 - Tickets: <http://drawdown-ethicalnyc.eventbrite.com>

Co-hosted by Ethical NYC, 350NYC, and The Pachamama Alliance.

September 29th, 2018 - A day long series of events on Governors Island

EMAIL: amandaerwhite@gmail.com
if you want to help participate in this event.

The Climate Reality Project NYC Metro Chapter is teaming up with the Trust for Governors Island to produce a daylong series of events at Governors Island as part of NYC Climate Week 2018. The program highlights local action and opportunities for New Yorkers of all ages to be part of the movement to protect our city.

III. TAKE ACTION AS A CONSTITUENT

Participate in DiNapoli Call-In Day on Tuesday, July 24th

Call #518 474-4044 Tweet @TomDiNapoli or @NYSComptroller

Please help in the effort to stop climate chaos by calling NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and urging him to divest the state pension funds from fossil fuels. You can also tweet him at @TomDiNapoli or @NYSComptroller. The call-in day is Tuesday July 24th but call whenever you can - once a week if you can.

Script: Please divest the NYS pension from fossil fuels. It is wrong to invest the pension fund in companies that are destroying the planet through global warming. And is increasingly a risky financial investment.

Every Monday: Call Cuomo Mondays!

Join us every Monday in urging Cuomo to #WalkTheTalk and get New York #OffFossilFuels.

Call 877-235-6537.

Each week, we're highlighting a key battle against a proposed pipeline, power plant, storage facility or other fossil fuel project, and urging Cuomo to be a real climate leader by stopping it.

Participating organizations include New York Communities for Change, Sane Energy Project, NYPIRG, Mothers Out Front, and Food & Water Watch. Text CuomoMondays to 69866 to receive weekly reminders to call Cuomo!

Register to vote!

Go to vote.gov to connect to a voter registration platform in any state.

Go to <http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html> to register to vote in New York State. To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- be a United States citizen;
- be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (note: you must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote);
- resident of this state and the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election;
- not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction and;
- not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court;
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

Tell your lawmakers to stop accepting fossil fuel money.

Take action at

- act.climatetruth.org/call/pledge-tool?partner=nffm&source=nffm_site
- www.sunrisemovement.org/nofossilfuelmoney/

Support a NYS-wide ban on single-use plastic bags.

Tell your representatives to support the [proposed ban on single-use plastic bags](#) in New York State. Write to them here: www.congressweb.com/nylcv/121/.

Learn more about Ban the Bag campaigns at www.surfrider.eu/en/ban-the-bag/.

Be an Eco-Conscious New Yorker

Avoid mass produced foods. Ammonia, a greenhouse gas, is often product of farming and is one of the most dangerous contributors to global warming. The frequent use of pesticides and fertilizer releases harmful chemicals into the air and is a major source of water pollution. Support organic food producers and your local farmers!

Find alternative transportation. Instead of taking a car to work, try biking, walking, or even car-pooling— cleaner modes of transportation.

Find ways to reuse. Reusable grocery bags, napkins, coffee cups— there are an endless list of everyday items that you can replace with reusable ones. This also includes recycling, which allows plastic and paper, among other materials, to be reused.

Eat less meat. Livestock contributes to 9% of the total human-related CO₂ emissions. Several greenhouse gases such as nitrous oxide and methane are byproducts of raising animals for meat.

Use electricity wisely. Using less electricity means that less fossil fuels have been burned to power your home. To take this one step further, installing a solar panel, or other methods of renewable energy, is a great way to live a cleaner, greener life.

IV. SUPPORT OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Demonstrations & Direct Actions

Volunteer with 350NYC

Join our mailing list @350nyc.org

Email us at 350nyc@gmail.com to join our **Local Initiatives and Sustainable Solutions Working Group**. Learn about upcoming City Council Legislation @<https://world.350.org/nyc/upcoming-council-legislation-what-you-should-know/>

Join 350NYC's **Switch to Wind Campaign - Switch to 100% renewable energy and support climate activism!** <https://cleanchoiceenergy.com/partner/350NYC/> or Call **1-800-971-0905** to make the switch today!

So far 350NYC signups have helped to avoid more than 665,500 lbs of CO₂! Help us reach a million pounds! Find out more about [Green Power Purchasing](#).

Volunteer with Food & Water Watch

We have offices in Brooklyn, and work across the city to oppose corporate control and abuse of our most vital resources. We hold events and activities every week – from rallies to petition drives, from phonebanks to sign-making parties. Join us when we can, as often as you can!

Visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/foodandwaterwatchNY/> For more information, or to get involved, **contact Eric Weltman: eweltman@fwwatch.org; 347-778-2743**

Policymaking & Lobbying

Join the Youth Progressive Policy Group

YPPG believes minors are the voices of the future, and combines youth passion and common sense legislative reform to build a movement of tangible change.

YPPG is a teenager-run youth advocacy group, which collaborates with local grassroots organizations and sends high school students to the New York State Legislature on lobbying trips - free for participating students - to advocate for bills that impact young people.

YPPG wrote the Young Voter Act, a bill that would lower the voting age to seventeen and increase accessibility to civics education and engagement, allowing eligible high schoolers to register to vote within school.

YPPG will begin lobbying next legislative session for the Climate and Community Protection Act, creating achievable benchmarks for the reduction of fossil fuel use in New York. Whether adult or minor, YPPG can't continue the movement without you!

Find out more on our website, yppg.org, [facebook](#), and email - yppg.ny@gmail.com.

Join the Suffolk Student Climate Action Committee

The Suffolk Student Climate Action Committee (SSCAC) is always looking for new members. If a student lives in Suffolk County and would like to join, please email ssclimateaction@gmail.com.

SSCAC encourages students to meet with their most local public officials first and foremost, especially if they are not members of large groups. It does not take nearly as much pressure to force a school district, township, or county to move towards renewable energy as it does a state or the whole country. Contacting individual lawmakers and meeting with them alone is most effective. If they do not take action, you must call them out in a public meeting. In a place like Suffolk County, that means going to a town board meeting or county legislature public session to speak out. Find your municipality's equivalent.

SSCAC is looking to do some kind of event on Long Island in the next few months, but requires partners and sponsors in order to run it well. Please forward inquiries to ssclimateaction@gmail.com.

Electoral Politics

Join Sunrise Movement NYC

[Sign up here](#) to volunteer with us or email sunrisenyc@gmail.com

Sunrise is a movement to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process.

We're building an army of young people to make climate change an urgent priority across America, end the corrupting influence of fossil fuel executives on our politics, and elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people. We are ordinary young people who are scared about what the climate crisis means for the people and places we love. We are gathering in classrooms, living rooms, and worship halls across the country. Everyone has a role to play. Public opinion is already with us - if we unite by the millions we can turn this into political power and reclaim our democracy.

In New York, we're working to elect Zellnor Myrie (District 20) and Alessandra Biaggi (SD34) to the state senate, and elect Cynthia Nixon to be our next governor. We are also working to expose the toxic influence of the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC), a group of democratic state senators who caucus with republicans, on our political system. Across the state, we are getting politicians to reject campaign contributions from fossil fuel executives and sign our no fossil fuel money pledge. Just as importantly, we are building our ranks and raising awareness about the climate crises--that's where you come in.

Join YVote

[YVote](#) is a new youth civic initiative aiming to transform youth voter engagement by building an early and ongoing motivational runway for teens. YVote takes a different approach than many traditional Get Out The Vote initiatives. YVote youth analyze issues they care about—racial and gender justice, affordability, immigration, safety and gun violence—through the lens of “why vote?” exploring the intersection of individual activism, collective action, and electoral politics in order to help youth utilize collective power. YVote youth also examine connections between how they “vote” in everyday life (such as what they watch, “like,” and buy) and how decisions get made about things they care about—in order to make voting more relevant and meaningful. YVote conducts regular Pizza and Politics Forums.

To learn more or to get involved, contact Sanda@yvoteny.org

Sign up for the YVote-Motivote Pledge to Vote Campaign

- YVote has partnered with [Motivote](#) on a cool [Pledge to Vote campaign](#) enabling youth—including those 15-17 who won't be 18 by November to
- forge teams to mobilize and “motivote” older peers to vote in November through a team-based approach, a gamified platform, and frequent fun nudges. Text “pledge” to 544-98 to sign up.

Climate Education

Join the Climate Reality NYC Metro Chapter

Join this group of activists by [opting in here](#).

The Climate Reality NYC Metro Chapter is a coalition of climate activists whose mission is: "To educate our local community about the climate crisis and inspire action by leveraging the diversity of talent and resources available in New York City."

Train with Al Gore to be part of the Climate Reality Project Leadership corps

Al Gore offers free trainings around the world to join his international movement of climate educators and activists. Go to <https://www.climaterealityproject.org/training>.

Join the Climate Museum's Youth Advisory Council

The Climate Museum's mission is to employ the sciences, art, and design to inspire dialogue and innovation that address the challenges of climate change, moving solutions to the center of our shared public life and catalyzing broad community engagement. Our Youth Advisory Council brings together high school students from across the metropolitan area to help shape the Museum's teen programs and find news ways to build out the climate conversation.

To apply, please send Claudia Villar (cvillar@climatemuseum.org) one paragraph explaining why they'd like to participate, including your interest in climate change and/or museums, and, if applicable, any relevant experience.

Art-Building

Join the People's Puppets of Occupy Wall Street

The People's Puppets of Occupy Wall Street (also known as the OWS Puppet Guild) uses art to fight for social and economic justice. You can find us:

- on Twitter at **[@Power2thePuppet](#)**
- on Facebook at **[OWSPuppetGuild](#)**
- via email to **powertothe puppets@gmail.com**

The People's Puppets was founded in October 2011 at Zuccotti Park (aka Liberty Plaza) during the Occupation of the City of New York. It is one of many groups that began then and remains active today.