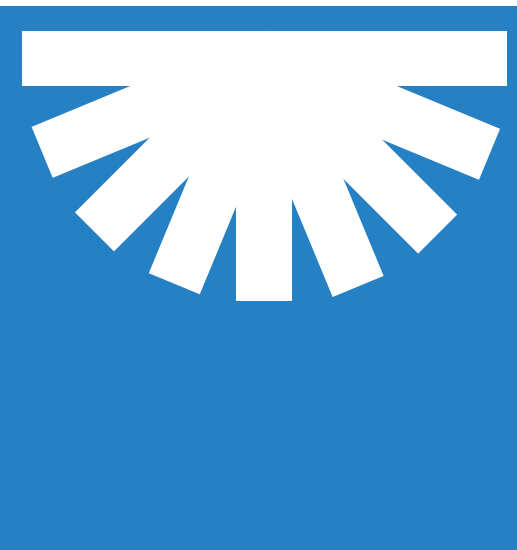


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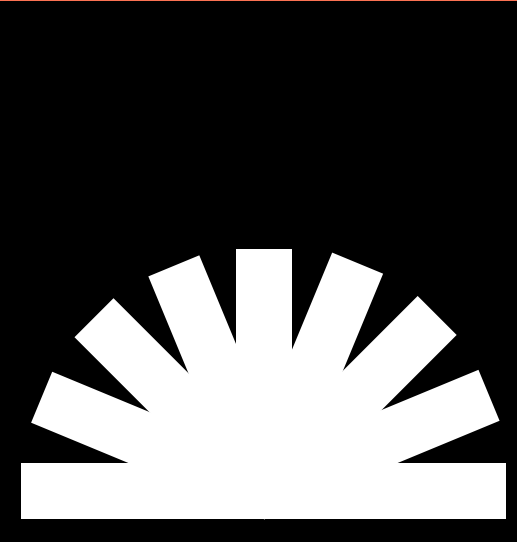


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A partnership between **CUNY** and
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February 25, 2025
9:30am - 4:30pm

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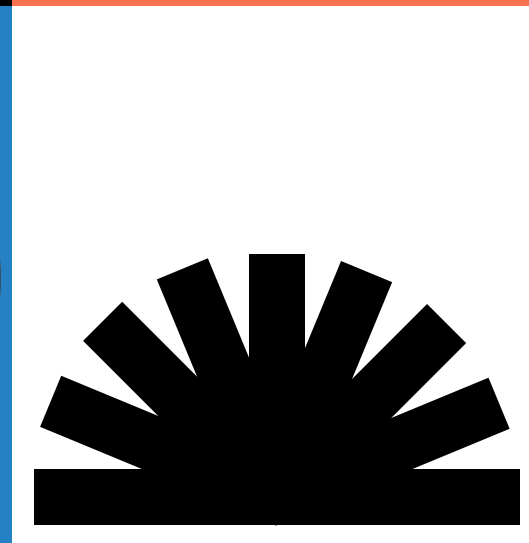
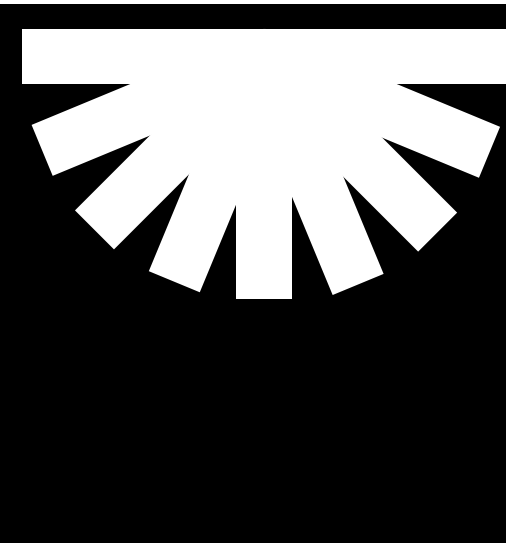
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WELCOME TO THE CUNY CLIMATE JUSTICE SUMMIT!

This **student-centered & community-led event** is geared toward **CUNY students** who want to learn more about the NYC Climate Justice Hub and how to be involved in supporting a climate justice agenda in New York City and State that aligns with **New York City Environmental Justice Alliance (NYC-EJA)** and their coalitional partners fighting on the front-lines to build a more just city.



SCHEDULE

CHECK-IN

9:30AM - 10:00AM WELCOME & GROUNDING

Jana Lynne (JL) Umipig Director of Arts and Cultural Organizing, El Puente

10:00AM - 10:15AM OPENING KEYNOTE

Jumaane Williams NYC Public Advocate
Letitia James NYS Attorney General
(Recorded Video Message)

HUB SHOWCASE PRESENTERS

Air Quality Across CUNY: Karina Torres, Arnab Joseph Gomes, Alessandra Olivieri, Valeria Cruz, Leuna Sarah

Air Quality Monitoring in Brooklyn Communities: Hamza Ali, Emily Altamirano, Akeem Brown, Maria Brown, Jamael Caspers, Paola Guerini, Ahmad Janjuah, Elizaveta Kuznetsova, Daniel Nunez, Azizat Osinaike, Sam Ramirez, Kalifa Stevens, Dimitry Stsepanenka, Tiffany Xavier, Hun Bok Jung

An Analysis of Sunset Park Land Use, in Support of UPROSE's GRID 2.0: Nebraska Hernandez, Juliana Maantay, Dan Shtob, Angelika Winner, Enrique Valencia, Jada Macharie

Addressing Extreme Heat Vulnerability in New York City: Selassie Mawuko, Kara Schlichting

BroSis 1K Composting Systems Initiative for NYC: Nando Rodriguez, Zayneb Saad, Rositsa Ilieva, Craig Willingham, Liv Collins

Count Those Trucks! A Roadmap for Tracking Commercial Truck Traffic and Its Impact on Hunts Point: Maria Reyes, Dariella Rodriguez, Lauren Wang, Kevin Garcia, Tara Pham

The goal for this Summit is to hear about the historical and present-day struggles for environmental and climate justice and the range of collaborative work being done across several CUNY campuses with **NYC-EJA member organizations** from across NYC:

- **We Stay/Nos Quedamos** (South Bronx)
- **The Point** CDC (South Bronx)
- **El Puente** (Williamsburg, Brooklyn)
- **UPROSE** (Sunset Park, Brooklyn)
- **The Brotherhood Sister Sol** (Harlem, Manhattan)
- **Good Old Lower East Side** (Lower East Side, Manhattan)

This event is an opportunity to hear from and engage with these NYC-EJA member organizations and NYC-EJA staff who work on **city-and state-wide campaigns**, meet with other students and faculty from across CUNY working on these issues, develop skills, learn the history of CUNY student activism, and hear how to support the climate justice movement.



10:15AM - 11:00AM INTRO TO THE NYC CLIMATE JUSTICE HUB & NYC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE (NYC-EJA)

Kendra Sullivan NYC Climate Justice Hub Co-Director, CUNY
Eddie Bautista NYC Climate Justice Hub Co-Director, NYC-EJA (Moderator)
Nando Rodriguez NYC Climate Justice Hub Advocate, The Brotherhood Sister Sol
Elizabeth Yeampierre Executive Director, UPROSE
Jessica Clemente Chief Executive Officer, We Stay/Nos Quedamos

11:00AM - 12:00PM PANEL: THE ROLE OF NYC-EJA IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE FIGHT

Eunice Ko NYC Climate Justice Hub Co-Director, NYC-EJA (Moderator)
Celeste Perez State Climate Policy Manager, NYC-EJA
Daniel Chu Senior Energy Planner, NYC-EJA
Shravanthi Kanekal Senior Resiliency Planner, NYC-EJA
Kevin Garcia Senior Transportation Planner, NYC-EJA
Michael Higgins Land Use Planner, NYC-EJA
Victoria Sanders Climate and Health Programs Manager, NYC-EJA
Alan Minor NYC Climate Justice Hub Coordinator, NYC-EJA

CUNY Climate and Environmental Justice Zine: Carina Alessandro, Hennessey Garcia, Julie Liu, Vladimir Prikhodko, Nedelyn Diaz, Paul Oder, Terrence Blackman

Environmental Justice, Climate Justice, and Waterfront Resiliency in the Lower East Side (LES): Shaheeda Smith, Brett Branco, Yana Kucheva, Gina Bravo, Wayne Lu, William Shelton, Sofia Mariyamis

Hunts Point Community-Led Clean Energy Infrastructure: Maria Reyes, Dariella Rodriguez, Maria Torres, Ahmed Mohamed, Nevin Cohen, Mohamed Elsayed, Yusef Esa

Neighborhood Narratives: Oral Histories of CUNY Students: Janggo Mahmud, Alina Nodrat, Louie Lauren Apostol, Adnaan Elahi, Jenna Salem, Alyssa Bueno, Marzi Azarderaksh

South Bronx Environmental & Housing Justice Youth Curriculum: Basil Alsubee, Imani Cenac, China Copperstone, John Sanchez, Hailey Miranda, John Krinsky, Elia Machado, India Brown

Tracking Climate Justice Across CUNY Campuses: Michelle Cruz, Taha Karim, Luke Rodriguez, Julia Sandke, Anakaren Santana, Dinorah Hudson, Michael Menser

Williamsburg Mobility Study: Adán (Adam) Guzman, Daniela Castillo, Sherry Ryan, Dwayne Baker, Alison Conway, Erin Witt, Gaston Fernandez



WHAT IS THE NYC CLIMATE JUSTICE HUB?

Launched in September 2023, the NYC Climate Justice Hub is a partnership between the City University of New York (**CUNY**)—the nation's largest public urban university—and the NYC Environmental Justice Alliance (**NYC-EJA**)—a coalition of grassroots organizations from the city's most environmentally burdened neighborhoods who have led the fight for environmental and climate justice in NYC since 1991.

LUNCH

1:00PM - 2:00PM PANEL: THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN THE FIGHT FOR EJ/CJ AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ON-AND OFF-CAMPUS

Conor (Coco) Tomás Reed Independent Scholar-Organizer, CUNY Alumni (Moderator)
Angela Zhou 2024-2025 NYC Climate Justice Hub Intern, UPROSE Coordinator, NYC-EJA
Hennessey Garcia 2024-2025 NYC Climate Justice Hub Fellow
Maria Reyes NYC Climate Justice Hub Advocate, The Point CDC

2:00PM - 3:00PM HUB SHOWCASE ON COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS: LEARNINGS, CHALLENGES, TRIUMPHS, AND PATHWAYS FORWARD

3:00PM - 4:00PM CONVERSATION: EJ/CJ STUDENT CAUCUS AT CUNY



SUMMIT GLOSSARY

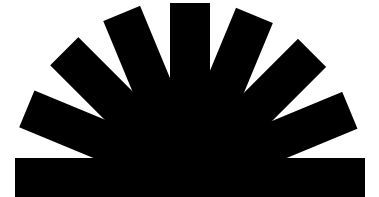
Environmental Justice focuses on the root causes of the climate crisis through an intersectional lens of racism, classism, capitalism, economic injustice, and environmental harm. – *A People's Orientation to a Regenerative Economy*

Climate Justice is the international movement of low-income communities and communities of color standing in solidarity against hazardous environmental and infrastructure burdens of environmental amenities and equity confronting their communities. – *NY Renews*

Just Transition is a vision-led, unifying and place-based set of principles, processes, and practices that build economic and political power to shift from an extractive economy to a regenerative economy... The transition itself must be just and equitable; redressing past harms and creating new relationships of power for the future through reparations. – *Climate Justice Alliance*

Operating out of the **Center for the Humanities at the CUNY Graduate Center**, the Hub unites CUNY and NYC-EJA to advance NYC-EJA's transformative policy priorities and research agenda, operationalize climate justice infrastructure at CUNY, and nourish an emerging generation of community-based climate leaders in New York City.

The Hub's **mission** is to support NYC-EJA's efforts to realize climate justice for New York City's underserved, working-class communities of color. The Hub accomplishes this through the creation of new—and the activation of existing—trans-disciplinary systems in research, education, and leadership. These cross-sectoral networks built from faculty, students, and other resources at CUNY robustly support NYC-EJA and its member organizations in their efforts to **accelerate "just transitions"** in NYC.



4:00PM - 4:15PM CLOSING KEYNOTE

AnaKaren Santana 2024-2025 NYC Climate Justice Hub Fellow
Shaheeda Smith NYC Climate Justice Hub Advocate, Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)

4:15PM - 4:30PM CLOSING REMARKS

Mike Menser NYC Climate Justice Hub Co-Director, CUNY
Eunice Ko NYC Climate Justice Hub Co-Director, NYC-EJA

RECEPTION

To receive a certificate of attendance, please report to the check-in table at the end of the event!

Frontline Communities are communities of color, Indigenous peoples, and people with lower incomes who are impacted first and worst by environmental hazards and climate change. – *Front and Centered*

The **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA or Climate Act)** is among the nation's most aggressive climate and environmental justice laws. The CLCPA, commonly referred to as NY's landmark climate law, was passed after years of campaigning by NY Renews. The CLCPA commits to 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040, sets legally binding emissions reduction standards to get New York completely off of fossil fuels by 2050, and mandates that at least 35-40% of state climate and energy funding be invested in disadvantaged communities. The CLCPA eventually inspired Justice40 at the federal level. – *NY Renews*

Local Law 97 (LL97) is one of the most ambitious municipal level legislations for reducing emissions. Under this groundbreaking law, buildings over 25,000 square feet are required to meet GHG emissions limits beginning in 2024, with those limits getting stricter in 2030. LL97's goal is to reduce emissions from the building sector, which contribute to nearly 70% of NYC's overall GHG emissions. LL97 aims to reduce building emissions by 40 percent by 2030 and to net zero by 2050.