

Youth Climate Rally: Program of Student Speakers **@Dag Hammarskjold Plaza**

Zero Hour NYC Organizers

Ilana Cohen, 17: Co-Head Coordinator



Ilana is a recent graduate of The Beacon School. Throughout her high school career, Ilana has worked on various progressive policy platforms; she founded and facilitated the PB Youth Committee in District 39, served as the Public Relations Director of the Youth Progressive Policy Group, and interned with the Office of the New York State Attorney General. Now, she is excited to channel her experience with youth activism toward advocacy for climate justice.

Amy Torres, 17: Co-Head Coordinator



Amy is a recent graduate of The Beacon School. She has interned for Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal and has taken a Global Environmental Politics course. Amy is a passionate advocate of environmental justice and is excited to be involved with Zero Hour NYC.

Rachel Lee, 15: Junior Coordinator



Rachel is a rising high school sophomore who loves nature and is deeply pained by the destruction of our planet. She became a serious climate activist after watching a video by Bill Nye about the Canadian tar sands, and looks forward to building her career in environmental activism as the future Head Coordinator of Zero Hour NYC.

Featured Speakers

Aryaana Khan, 17: Youth Climate Activist



Since the age of 13, Aryaana has been involved in climate advocacy work with organizations such as Global Kids and Alliance for Climate Education (ACE). Right now, she is part of the Youth Advisory Council at the Climate Museum and she is also doing intersectional work with various communities. She will be starting college this fall, and hopes to become a cardiothoracic surgeon in the future.

Climate Museum Youth Advisory Council: *The Climate Museum*

Anya Martinez, 16



Anya decided to become an environmental activist when she was invited to a workshop for high school students at the Climate Museum. In small groups, they began to brainstorm how to combine the arts with environmental science to raise youth awareness of climate change. Anya loves being an environmental activist because it combines her skills in the arts with environmental science.

Leela Sotsky, 16



Leela is a rising senior at Francis Lewis High School. She is currently working as an Explainer at the New York Hall of Science and is an intern at Engineers for a Sustainable World NYC. Her passion for science has led her onto the path of climate activism with The Climate Museum, an organization seeking climate action and climate solutions here today.

Alysa Chen, 17



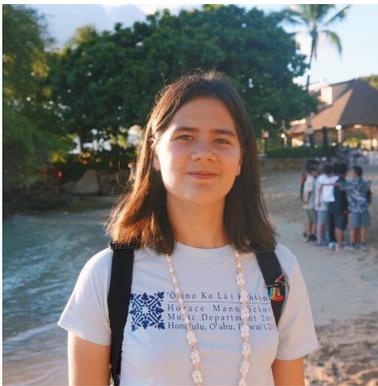
Alysa is a rising senior at the Bronx High School of Science, where she has worked to promote environmental awareness amongst her peers by taking a multidisciplinary academic approach to combating climate change. She became one of the first members of the Climate Museum's Youth Advisory Council, which she believes gives young people the chance to become leaders in the climate movement.

Haris Khan, 20: *Executive Vice President, Student Government at CUNY City College*



Haris is a rising Senior at City College majoring in Politics, Diplomacy, and Law. He believes that as the richest country on the planet, America has a moral responsibility to take the lead on preventing global climate change and we must elect candidates not bought by the fossil fuel industry. Haris registers hundreds of college students to vote in city, state, and federal elections and regularly lobbies Albany to be more responsive to student needs.

Natalie Sweet, 15: *Public Relations Committee Volunteer, Zero Hour NYC*



Natalie is a rising sophomore at Horace Mann School in the Bronx, where she has started the Take Back the Tap campaign to eliminate the use of bottled water. This summer, she is interning with the New York League of Conservation Voters, which fights climate change through political action, as well as being involved with Zero Hour NYC's Youth Climate March. In her free time, she enjoys debating, playing frisbee, and writing.

Sylvana Widman, 16: *New York Chair, Youth Progressive Policy Group*



Sylvana has been interested in the intersection between politics and positive change-making as long as she can remember. From phone banking for Hillary Clinton and Shelley Meyer to running her school's debate team, she has a passionate belief in the unique voice young people possess and is committed to creating a platform for fellow young activists of all backgrounds. Through her leadership of YPPG, Sylvana is working to launch a new youth-led campaign for lobbying on behalf of the Climate and Community Protection Act to advance environmental justice in NYS.

Eric Stenzel, 17: *Vice President of the Suffolk Student Climate Action Committee*



Eric is a rising senior at Sayville High School in Suffolk County, NY where he serves as Vice President of the Suffolk Student Climate Action Committee. In this capacity, Eric lobbies local government bodies to support a transition to 100% renewable energy through organizing student-led campaigns, meeting with elected officials, and speaking at public meetings. Outside of environmental activism, Eric enjoys participating in Debate and Model United Nations.

Izzi Graj, 18: *Fellow, Sunrise Movement*



Izzi has just finished her first year at Brandeis University and is hoping to major in environmental studies and minor in social justice and public policy. This past year, she has done work with Brandeis Climate Justice on fossil fuel divestment, and is also a member of the Brandeis Labor Coalition. This summer, she is working with Sunrise Movement in NYC to stop climate change and get dirty fossil fuel money out of politics.

Andrea Colon, 17: *Community Engagement Organizer of the Rockaway Youth Task Force*



Andrea is a recent graduate of Rockaway Park High School, now attending Baruch College. She is the Community Engagement Organizer of the Rockaway Youth Task Force (RYTF). Andrea is involved in environmental work through food justice. Food justice is an issue that hits close to home for her growing up in Rockaway which is a federally labeled food desert. Through RYTF's Urban Farm & Community Garden, Andrea is able to advance environmental and food justice to better the lives of her community.