

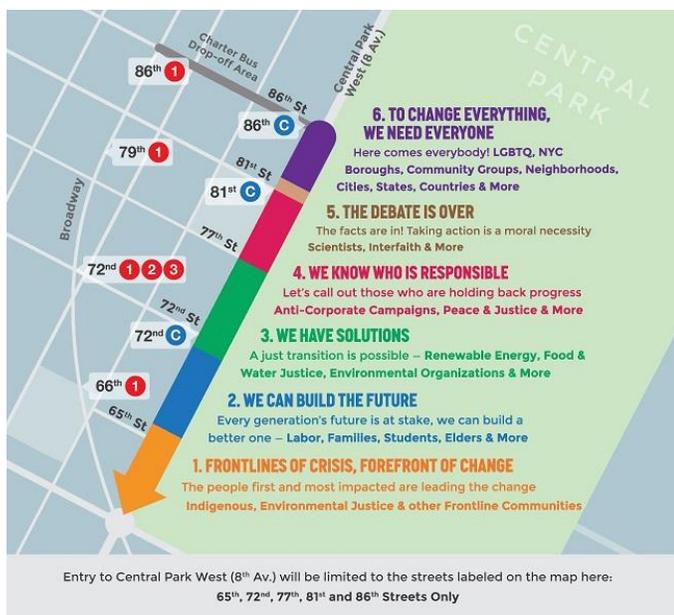
Sustainability Initiative Newsletter – Event Special

September 15, 2014

People’s Climate March – September 21



With such a special once-in-a-lifetime event in NYC, we wanted you to have the information you need to participate if you choose. There are so many ways for you, your students, and your school community to get involved. To coincide with the United Nations Climate Summit during [Climate Week](#), on **September 21, 2014** thousands of people will be marching in NYC and cities around the world demanding that our leaders take action on climate change. Check out all the ways you can get involved at [PeoplesClimate.org/schools](http://PeoplesClimate.org/schools) or contact [Kate](#) for more info. *Attached is a Green Schools Alliance form letter you can use to spread the word.* You can also refer to the People’s Climate March [Logistics](#) page for more details.



Several groups, including folks from the Sustainability Initiative, Green Schools Alliance, NWF Eco-Schools, and other partners, will be lining up in the “Families” and “Students” sections between 66<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> street. Your best bet is to enter the area using the 65<sup>th</sup> street entrance at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and look for the groups’ signs.

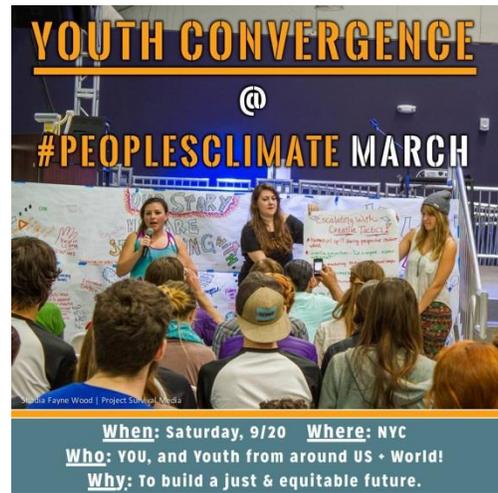
The march starts at **11:30am**, so get there early! They are expecting to break the record of the last climate march in Washington, DC with over 40,000 people. For up-to-date details on the school section, RSVP with [Green Schools Alliance](#) or [NWF Eco-Schools](#).

All children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. DOE Sustainability Coordinators should not make this a school-endorsed field trip!

## People's Climate March Youth Convergence

Saturday, September 20th from 9:30am to 5:30pm  
Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Campus  
122 Amsterdam Avenue (between 65-66 streets)

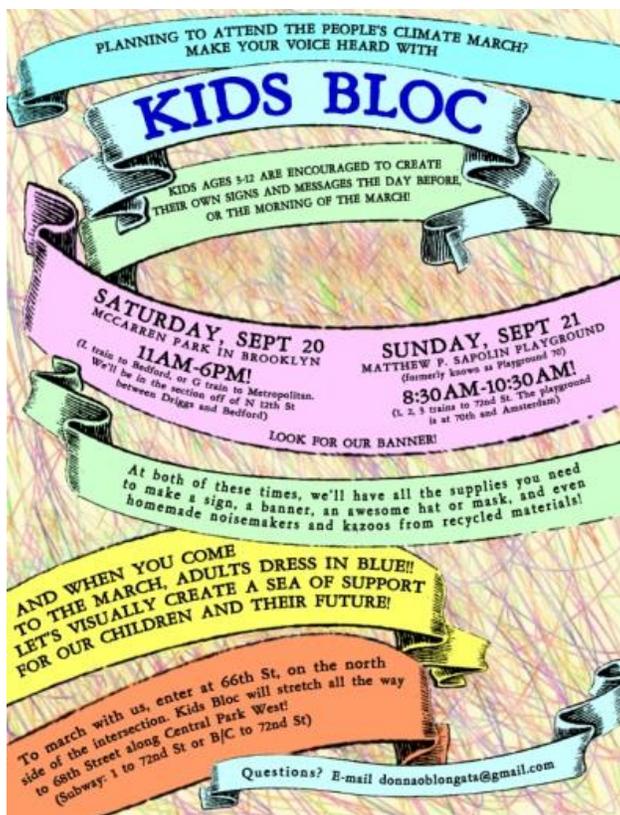
Geared toward high school and college aged youth, the Youth Convergence will offer plenary speakers, open space discussion and networking, training and workshops focused on youth empowerment, climate advocacy training, and identity and leadership development. This event is FREE, but maximum attendance is limited to 1100 due to auditorium capacity, so [register TODAY!](#)



[Sign up to be a School Captain](#) to get the word out at your school. The school with the most **#selfies** at the climate march will **win a \$5,000 Sustainability Grant** for their school! Teachers and school administration can sign up to be a School Captain too!

Download the [Teacher's Toolkit](#) and have a conversation with your students this week! The toolkit includes sample lesson plans, a parent flyer, and info about the School Contest.

[Volunteer this week](#) by making phone calls early in the week or helping out with Thursday's subway blitz.



### Special Kids Bloc section for ages 3-12!

Kids bring or wear something they've created in response to climate change. It can be a sign, a mask, or anything else. See the Kids Bloc picture for workshop opportunities!

ADULTS WEAR BLUE! Kids are small. Parents are big. In order to really make the KIDS in KIDS BLOC visible, we're asking all adults who plan to march with their kids to WEAR ALL BLUE. That way, we can appear as the sea of support that we are for our children and their future!

If you have any questions about the Kids Bloc, please e-mail [donnaoblongata@gmail.com](mailto:donnaoblongata@gmail.com) or call [\(845\)594-8540](tel:(845)594-8540).

# Green Apple Day of Service – September & October

The National Green Apple Day of Service is **September 27, but you can do your service project any time in September or October to get credit!** This day of service gives parents, teachers, students, companies and local organizations the opportunity to transform all schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments through local service projects. Volunteering to do outreach or help on the day of the People’s Climate March counts for Green Apple service!

As a teacher, **hosting a service project will allow you to earn your [Green Classroom Professional Certificate](#)**. Last year, more than 2,000 communities in 40 countries and all 50 states took part in sending a message to the world that where our children learn matters. Check out [project ideas](#), read last year’s [highlights](#) and register your [2014 project](#) today!

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