

Women for Climate Justice Contingent 2018 TOOLKIT

WOMEN FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE AT RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS, JUSTICE



On September 8th, 2018 - Women, girls, and allies are invited to join a diverse coalition of women's groups, climate justice organizations, and others - to organize and march together as a part of 'RISE for Climate, Jobs and Justice' - the 2018 People's Climate Movement March.

This march is taking place in the context of years and decades of strategic organizing by many climate, Indigenous, labour, racial justice and other social movement leaders; and is also being called in response to the Global Climate Action Summit taking place in San Francisco. The march also comes roughly two months before U.S. mid-term elections, making it an important moment for many to demonstrate commitment to voting as part of their dedication to stopping extraction, and defending the planet and all communities.

As 'Women for Climate Justice' Contingents in San Francisco and around the world, we will be sending a clear message that as women, many of whom stand on the frontlines of climate change globally, we are gravely concerned about the impacts of climate change, and the implications of administrations and government officials that promote advancement of fossil fuels, extractive economies, climate skepticism, environmental racism, bigotry and inequitable treatment of women, and frontline, Indigenous and marginalized communities.

We will raise our voices to demonstrate women's power to build just climate solutions - and take a stand for all future generations to live in a healthy, just, and thriving world.

USE OF THIS TOOLKIT



This toolkit is intended as a resource for women and allies interested in organizing for action as 'Women for Climate Justice' in the San Francisco Bay Area, and independently in home regions across the U.S. and worldwide. The 'Women for Climate Justice' coalition is an open, unbranded, collective space - and all individuals and organizations/groups are welcome to use and adapt these messaging points and tools!

KEY ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES



All efforts in organizing for climate justice invoke a frontlines first principle where women most impacted by climate change/environmental degradation, including Indigenous women, women with disabilities, and women of color, lead in terms of voice and key messages, are equally represented in all aspects of decision-making and prioritized in terms of rally spaces and media spots.

UPCOMING MARCHES

Logistics for March in San Francisco:

September 8th - Women For Climate Justice Contingent in San Francisco: Meet-up details for the day of the march (time and specific gathering location) will be posted as soon as they are available, via the core [‘Women For Climate Justice’ Facebook event page](#); [WECAN International website](#); and [Peoples Climate March ‘Women For Climate Justice’ hub page](#).

Logistics for Global Marches:

A map of global marches and actions is available on the People’s Climate March home page.

People’s Climate Movement Global Organizing:

- Central website and map of global marches: peoplesclimate.org/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/peoplesclimate/
- General Facebook Group - ‘Women at the People’s Climate March’: www.facebook.com/groups/pcmwomen/

Allies worldwide are encouraged to use the tools, resources and messaging outlined in this toolkit to organize independently for a ‘Women For Climate Justice’ contingent in your local area. All are welcome to post messages on the [Women For Climate Justice Contingent Facebook event page](#), as one way to connect with others in your local area.



SOCIAL MEDIA SAMPLES

Please share your plans to march as Women For Climate Justice on social media, before, during and after the March!

Connect in with **#Women4ClimateJustice** - **#RiseForClimate** - and **#ClimateJobsJustice!**

Sample messages, to be customized, are provided below!

SOCIAL MEDIA SAMPLES

Twitter

#RiseForClimate with #Women4ClimateJustice on Sept 8 in the #SanFrancisco Bay Area & around the world!
www.peoplesclimate.org/actions/women-climate-justice
#ClimateJobsJustice

Women worldwide are taking action for #RiseForClimate Sept 8! Stand with #Women4ClimateJustice as we march for #justice & #health for Earth & communities!

www.peoplesclimate.org/actions/women-climate-justice/

I am rising for [INSERT YOUR WORDS HERE]. Join me in action as part of a #Women4ClimateJustice Contingent at the #ClimateJobsJustice March!

www.peoplesclimate.org/actions/women-climate-justice

Facebook

On September 8th, women around the world are taking action as 'Women for Climate Justice' at the Rise for Climate, Jobs, Justice March! Join me [OR INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME HERE] in action to stand for the Earth and our communities worldwide.

Details for organizing with Women For Climate Justice, available via Facebook events (facebook.com/events/2031731460184487/) and the Peoples Climate March hub page (www.peoplesclimate.org/actions/women-climate-justice/)



Download & Share Social Media Images

CHANT IDEAS AND PHRASES

"Hey hey! Ho ho! Patriarchy has got to go!"

"Women, united, will never be defeated!"

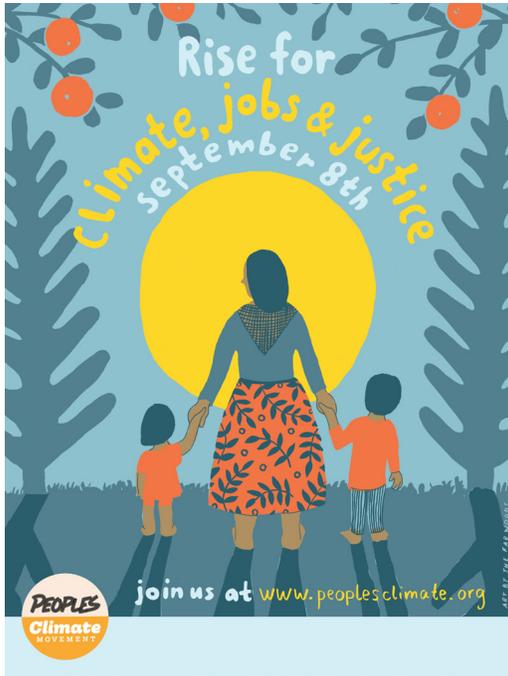
"What do we want? CLIMATE JUSTICE! When do we want it? NOW!"

"Tar sands, coal, oil / Keep them in the soil!"

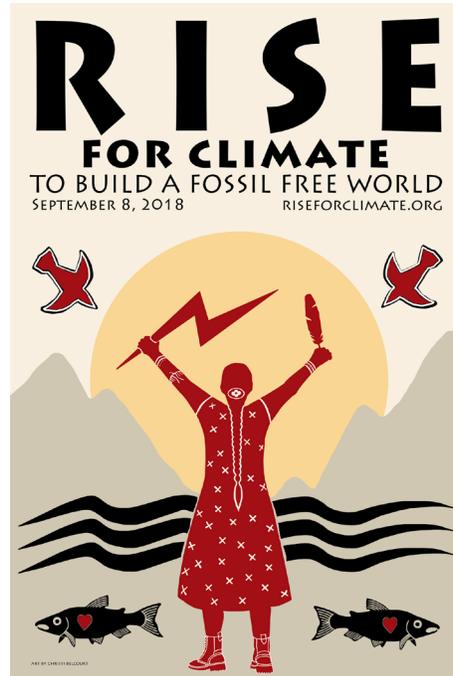
"Women rise. Women speak. Women build. Climate solutions."

GRAPHICS & ART

The signs below are meant to be used by women around the world in marches and rallies to demand climate justice. **Print and take to the march, or make your own!!**



Art by Nina Montenegro



Art by Christi Belcourt



Art by Colin Hughes

Explore More Art
Organizing Resources

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BACKGROUND ON WHY WOMEN + CLIMATE

To better understand the connections between women's rights, gender equality, and environmental/climate justice, explore some key resources below!

- [WECAN Research Database - Women Speak: Stories, Case Studies, And Solutions From The Frontlines Of Climate Change](#)
- [Women's Global Call for Climate Justice](#)
- [WECAN - The Women's Climate Action Agenda](#)
- [BBC - Climate Change Impacts Women More Than Men](#)
- [The Ecologist - An International Women's Day Call To Defend The Defenders](#)
- [The Guardian - Why We March: Violence Against Women and the Earth is Linked](#)
- [WEDO - Gender and Climate Change: A Closer Look at Existing Evidence](#)
- [WEDO - Gender Just Climate Solutions: Examples Of Best Practices](#)
- [AWID - Women Human Rights Defenders Confronting Extractive Industries](#)
- [AWID - Building a Fossil Fuel-Free Feminist Future: An Indigenous Perspective](#)

BACKGROUND ON WHY WOMEN + CLIMATE

- [AWID - Climate Justice, Why Women Must Be Included](#)
- [Huffington Post - How Young Feminists are Tackling Climate Justice in 2016](#)
- [EcoWatch - Why Women Are Central to Climate Justice and Solutions](#)
- [MADRE - Climate Justice Calls for Gender Justice: Putting Principles Into Action](#)
- [Huffington Post - Rural Women Worldwide Are on the Frontlines of Climate Change](#)
- [WEDO - U.S. Climate Factsheet: Equality, Action, Gender and Resilience](#)

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