



Women for Climate Justice Contingent



TOOLKIT

Women for Climate Justice Contingent at the People's Climate March - D.C. & Sister Marches

General Group Statement

On April 29, 2017 - a diverse coalition of women's groups, climate justice organization and allies, will unite to march as a Women for Climate Justice Contingent at the People's Climate March for Jobs, Justice and the Climate in Washington D.C., and in support of local sister marches across the country and world. The March comes as the culmination of strong actions organized by the climate justice, immigrant and refugee rights, Indigenous sovereignty, Black Lives Matter and other intersectional movements over the first 100 days of the Trump Administration presidency and beyond. We invite all allies to join us on the ground in Washington D.C. and in your communities!

We will be sending a clear message to the U.S. Administration and world governments that, as women, many of whom stand on the frontlines of climate change across the world, we are gravely concerned about the impacts of climate change, and the implications of a U.S. Administration that promotes climate skepticism, advancement of fossil fuels, an extractive economy, racism, bigotry and sexist oppression.

We march to reject the rule of the fossil fuel industry and demand that the U.S. government immediately work toward a just transition to a renewable energy future. We stand as women for climate justice, and March for and demand full respect for climate science and immediate action on just solutions to this global crisis. We want our children and all future generations to live in a healthy, just and thriving world.

Download the statement [here](#).

Sign Up To Join The Women For Climate Justice Contingent:

- [Via Facebook Events: https://www.facebook.com/events/1219035691483103/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1219035691483103/)
- [Via the People's Climate March Groups: http://women4climatejustice.peoplesclimate.org/](http://women4climatejustice.peoplesclimate.org/)

Key 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.

Key Links

Women for Climate Justice Contingent (for use in D.C. and by groups organizing locally for Sister marches):

- Facebook Event for Women for Climate Justice Contingent (please share widely and invite others using this tool):
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1219035691483103/>
- Women for Climate Justice People's Climate March Group Page:
<http://women4climatejustice.peoplesclimate.org/>
- Press Release for Women for Climate Justice at the People's Climate March (coming soon)

Peoples Climate March General Info:

- Facebook for the People's Climate Movement:
<https://www.facebook.com/peoplesclimate/>
- General Website for March: <https://peoplesclimate.org/>
- Text system for mobile updates for the March: Text "Climate" to 21333 and confirm your zip code to activate

Logistics for DC:

WCJ Meet-Up (Day of March): Meet-up details coming soon via Women for Climate Justice [Facebook event page](#) and [WCJ PCM page](#).

WCJ Pre-March Sign-Making/Organizing: Details coming soon via Women for Climate Justice [Facebook event page](#) and [WCJ PCM page](#).

Schedule for March:

9:00am: Arrive in Washington, DC: Buses begin arriving at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC from across the country.

11:00am: March Line-Up: We will gather in front of the Capitol Building in contingents that spell out the values we share: justice, truth, democracy, faith and more. No matter what community you're marching with, or where you're coming from, there will be a spot for you.

12:30pm: Kickoff the march: We'll begin marching up Pennsylvania Avenue towards the White House.

2:00pm: Collective Action: We will surround the White House, and take powerful collective action to honor the lives at stake and make a loud sound demanding climate justice and good jobs that will drown out all of the climate-denying nonsense that has been coming out of this Administration.

3:00pm: End of March Activities: We will reconvene at the Washington Monument grounds to connect and share the stories that brought us to DC. We'll hear from the front line of the climate crisis and share solutions rooted in our own communities. There'll be music and beautiful art from around the country that powerfully shows our local demands and visions. We'll even assemble all our individual signs into one collective message of resistance.

5:00pm: Head Home for Ongoing Action: We will wrap up our day together and head back to our local communities, preparing to take action on May 1st in solidarity with workers and immigrants across the country.

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Logistics for SISTER MARCHES:

Allies are encouraged to use the tools, resources and messaging outlined in this toolkit for your own participation in the march or to organize independently for a Women for Climate Justice Contingent in your local area.

- **Website for Sister Marches:** <https://peoplesclimate.org/sister-marches/>
- **Facebook Group for Women at the People's Climate March (From 2014, still active and useful as another tool to find women in your area!):**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pcmwomen/>

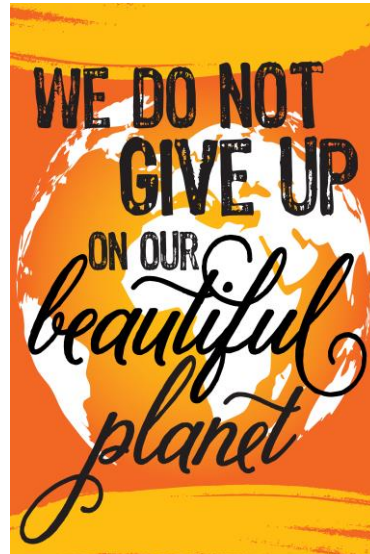
Resources

Print & Take to the March

The below signs have been used by women around the world in marches and rallies to demand climate justice, free for you to re-print and use. Or make your own!!



Download poster [here](#).



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Example Messages for Signs

- Women for Climate Justice – We demand a just transition!
- We Resist. We Build. We Rise.
- Women’s Empowerment Means Access to Safe & Renewable Energy, Jobs + Justice!
- People and the Planet are Not For Sale
- System Change not Climate Change
- We ask for justice, we ask for equality. We are feminists, the climate activists.
- Human Rights NOT Corporate Rights!
- Down with false solutions / People’s revolution
- Women will not be mainstreamed into a polluted stream!
- Women for a peaceful and healthy planet!
- Women speak out to defend our land, air and water!
- All issues are women’s issues! Protect our planet!
- #WomenClimateJustice #Women4ClimateJustice
- #WaterisLife #ProtectWhatYouLove

Example Chants

- Hey hey! Ho ho! Patriarchy has got to go!
- Women united will never be defeated!
- Tell me what a feminist looks like, THIS is what a feminist looks like!
- What do we want? CLIMATE JUSTICE! When do we want it? NOW!
- The planet, the planet, the planet is on fire / we don't need no pipelines, let the corporations burn.
- Frack Wall Street / Not our water.
- 1, 2, 3, 4, Climate change is class war / 5, 6, 7, 8, Overthrow the bourgeois state
- Tar sands, coal, and oil / Keep all of them in the soil!

Social Media Images



Other Key Events:

- 'Women Leading Solutions on the Frontlines of Climate Change - D.C.' - April 29th, 6-8:30 pm, after the People's Climate March, presented by the Women's Earth & Climate Action Network - Learn more/register: wecaninternational.org/pages/upcoming-events

Inspiration

Photos of women organizing for climate justice from around the world are shared below.

Access a full folder of images of Women for Climate Justice:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sidmagf9lt1eur/AADX7lqEkdQZr_zjqZc5EWila?dl=0



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Video: [Women Rising for Earth - Call to Action](#)

Video: [Women's Earth Day 2016 Rally in NYC](#)

Video: [Women Speak for Climate Change Justice and Solutions in the Lead Up to COP21 and Beyond](#)

Photos: [Women at the People's Climate March 2014](#)

Photos: [Global Women's Climate Justice Day of Action 2016](#)

Photos: [WECAN- Keep it in the Ground](#)

Photos: [Rally for justice, murder of indigenous woman Bertha Caceres](#)

Photos: [Women, Climate, Peace Rally](#)

Photos: [Women at COP21 Protest](#)

Photos: [WECAN - COP21](#)

Photos: [2012 Women's March at Rio Earth Summit](#)

Read

Just a few key resources elaborating the connections between women's rights, gender equality and environment/ climate, in addition to women led actions and solutions:

- (2017) [View: Women, Climate, Jobs & Justice](#)
- (2017) [Why We March: Violence Against Women and the Earth is Linked](#)
- (2016) [Gender and Climate Change: A Closer Look at Existing Evidence](#)
- (2016) [Building a Fossil Fuel-Free Feminist Future: An Indigenous Perspective](#)
- (2016) [How Young Feminists are Tackling Climate Justice in 2016](#)
- (2016) [Discussion paper: Gender Equality & Just Transition](#)
- (2015) [Why Women Are Central to Climate Justice and Solutions](#)
- (2015) [Women's Global Call for Climate Justice](#)
- (2014) [Women's Solutions for Climate Change](#)
- (2014) [Women's Climate Action Agenda](#)
- (2014) [U.S. Climate Factsheet: Equality, Action, Gender and Resilience](#)

Facts & Figures

**Suggestion for signage - Bold text can be on one side of a sign & the fact on the other side.*

Women's rights are directly related to frequency of deaths from natural disasters. In inequitable societies, more women than men die from disaster. **Women's rights are human rights.**

New employment opportunities from **renewable energy investments** are **not evenly distributed among women and men.**

After Hurricane Katrina, psychological victimization of women and men increased by 35% and 17% respectively in the six months after the storm and physical victimization of women increased by 98%. **Women's rights are human rights.**

Within **US utility and energy sectors**, the **labor force presents distinct gender disparities.**

Women and racial minorities make up a smaller share of the **solar workforce** than of the overall US economy.

In Spain, while there is a relatively **gender-balanced participation in the solar sector**, the pay gap between men and women remains.

In Malawi, female-headed households are more than twice as likely as male-headed households to report reducing the number of meals they eat as an adaptation strategy in response to climate shocks. **Women's voices must be heard.**

Women only account for **20 - 25% of the workforce** in the overall **energy industry**.

Women as caregivers take on community and family burdens. These increase as climate change increases vulnerability. **Women's voices need to be heard for real solutions.**

Energy cooperatives have historically been **male-led**.

In Bangladesh, crop failure and flooding disproportionately increase the rate of migration by women. **Women's voices must be heard for real solutions.**

Female farmers from Latin America tend to plant a diversity of crops, improving household resilience to the effects of climate change. **Women's voices must be heard for real solutions.**

Higher female parliamentary representation equals a higher likelihood of ratifying international environmental treaties. **Women need to be in more positions of leadership.**

Women are underrepresented at energy industry conferences and on corporate boards; all-male speakers' slates and all-male boardrooms are the rule, not the exception.

The full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in climate action is critical in finding solutions. **Women's voices must be heard.**

Women & girls are primarily responsible for taking care of the environment in their households and communities. **Women's voices must be heard.**

Of the 49 countries that reduced CO2 emissions between 1990 and 2007, 14 were very high Human Development Index (HDI) countries, 10 of which had higher than average female parliamentary representation. **Women are effective agents of change.**

When we refer to a **just transition away from fossil fuels**, we must challenge new industries to also transition away from prevailing power structures and a sexually disaggregated labor force.

This contingent is open to everyone. *The toolkit was created collectively by: the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International, Sierra Club, 350NYC, Grassroots Global Justice, World March of Women-US chapter, Climate Justice Alliance (CJA Our Power), INOCHI-Women for Safe Energy, Idle No More SF Bay, Climate Wise Women, MADRE, Amazon Watch, Women of Color Speak Out, CodePink and other leading women's rights and climate change activists.*