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**TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND AND THE NEW YORK CLIMATE EXCHANGE  
ANNOUNCE CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2025 PROGRAMMING ON GOVERNORS  
ISLAND**

*20+ events will spotlight the Island's growing role in the research, education, and demonstration of equitable climate solutions for New York City and beyond*

**NEW YORK, NY (September 4, 2025)** – The Trust for Governors Island and The New York Climate Exchange today unveiled a lineup of Climate Week 2025 programming set for September 21-28, 2025, highlighting the Island's growing role at the forefront of climate innovation in New York City. This year's events include dynamic discussions, workshops, climate tech demonstrations, guided tours, art installations, climate trivia, film screenings, and more programs exploring the intersections between science, nature, policy, arts, and community. New this year from the Trust and the Exchange is *Power Down & Get Outside*, a day of free activities designed to bring climate conversations outdoors that will feature collaborations with LatinX in Sustainability, the Climate Mental Health Network, Stony Brook University, Pratt Institute, the Science Communication Lab, GrowNYC, and more—encouraging connection and action to close out the week.

“Governors Island has become one of New York City’s most exciting frontiers for climate action, innovation, and education,” **said Deputy Mayor for Housing, Workforce and Economic Development Adolfo Carrión.** “During Climate Week, the Trust for Governors Island is bringing together scientists, artists, educators, entrepreneurs, and community leaders to show what it looks like when a city embraces bold ideas to meet the challenges of our time. This work will shape New York City’s resilience and green economy, and will also serve as a model for cities around the world.”

“Governors Island continues to grow as a place inspiring climate action by bringing together visitors, innovators, and local and global leaders to accelerate solutions in a setting like no other,” **said Clare Newman, President and CEO of the Trust for Governors Island.** “This Climate Week, we’re proud to join with The New York Climate Exchange and so many of our partners to present programming that not only inspires and informs but also fosters connection across disciplines and communities. From hands-on workshops to cutting-edge research and groundbreaking public art, we’re creating opportunities for all visitors to help shape solutions to some of the most urgent challenges of our time.”

“We’re building the world’s most important new hub for climate engagement on Governors Island,” **explains Steve Hammer, CEO of The New York Climate Exchange.** “Climate Week NYC is your invitation to be part of that transformation. Whether you're a climate expert or a

student curious about climate action, this week and this island is a great opportunity to meet and learn from the people and solutions our city needs.”

Organized by the Climate Group, Climate Week NYC runs September 21-28, 2025, and is the largest annual climate event of its kind. Since opening to the public in 2005, the Island has grown tremendously as a global resource for climate innovation, offering widespread opportunities for research and piloting; public artworks engaging with climate issues; and a growing community of educational, nonprofit, and commercial tenants focused on climate—including Billion Oyster Project, the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, Wind Support NYC, and the soon-to-open Buttermilk Labs, among others.

In April 2023, following a two-year competitive process led by the Trust and the City of New York, The New York Climate Exchange was selected as the anchor research and educational institution to create an innovation district on Governors Island to accelerate equitable climate solutions for cities. The Exchange, led by Stony Brook University and a consortium of partners, is developing a 400,000 SF campus on the Island focused on advancing climate solutions and preparing New Yorkers for green jobs, expected to open in 2029.

Climate Week NYC 2025 events on Governors Island are organized by the Trust, the Island’s community of partners and tenants, and The Exchange and its core partners. A full schedule of events and presenting organizations can be found below and online at [www.govisland.org/climate-week](http://www.govisland.org/climate-week), with more to be announced in the coming weeks.

### **Climate Week NYC on Governors Island Schedule:**

#### **Ongoing, digital via Bloomberg Connects**

#### **Governors Island Climate Tech Crawl, the Trust for Governors Island**

Download the free Bloomberg Connects app to access a self-guided tour through Governors Island’s climate innovations—from resiliency measures built into its landscapes to the latest in climate tech, to the future home of The New York Climate Exchange.

#### **September 20, 3-5PM**

#### ***Echoes of Change Sound Installation Opening Day Climate Imaginarium & Human Impacts Institute (HII) Colonels Row Building 406A***

Created by Sandy Davis, this immersive installation blends sound, projection, and a digital platform to amplify youth voices from HII’s Activism & Amplifiers (A&A) program, representing communities across the Global North and South. It is designed to educate, inspire, and mobilize climate action. Centering perspectives from frontline, BIPOC, and underrepresented communities, it invites you into a space where listening becomes a powerful act of engagement. *Installation on view through October 12.*

#### **September 21, 11AM-4PM**

#### **Eco-Arts Festival, Climate Imaginarium, DuYe Moves, Artichoke Dance Company Colonels Row Buildings 405A & 406A**

Kick off Climate Week with a free festival showcasing ecologically inspired art works and participatory experiences. EcoArts Festival features inspiring dance and music performances; reflective and joyous visual arts, sculpture and films; and interactive workshops and installations.

**September 21, 1:30-2:15PM**

**Guided Tour, Earth Matter NY *The Urban Farm***

Learn about Earth Matter's mid-scale community composting facility, where they process up to 600 tons of material annually.

**September 21-22 & 27-28, 11AM-5PM**

**Futurism: A Season Finale and Climate Week Exhibition, Forest for Trees Collective *Nolan Park Building 7B***

Visual arts exhibition where artists draw from traditions of Afrofuturism, Indigenous futurity, eco-surrealism, and survivalist poetics to conjure futures that are messy, mutant, and alive with possibility.

**September 24, 9-11:30AM**

**The Exchange's Climate Tech Showcase: Supporting Early-Stage Innovation *Building 309***

Join The New York Climate Exchange for a showcase spotlighting their inaugural cohort of climate tech fellows and experts from across the early-stage innovation ecosystem.

**September 24, 12:30-1:15PM**

**From Insight to Impact: Driving Agricultural Innovation with AI *Building 309***

This session, co-hosted by The Exchange and IBM, will explore how cutting-edge AI is being harnessed to drive a paradigm shift in agricultural resilience, enabling smarter resource management.

**September 24, 1:30-3:00PM**

**Cultivating Climate Resilience of Urban Agriculture in NYC *Building 309***

Join The Exchange and Cornell Cooperative Extension's Ag Climate Resiliency Program, New York Soil Health, and Harvest NY for a soil health field day on Governors Island. This event, focused on best practices for building climate resilience on urban farms, will conclude with a GrowNYC teaching garden tour.

**September 24, 3-6PM**

**Hope & Healing: Climate Grief Film Screenings, Climate Imaginarium (in partnership with Good Grief Network, Stranded Astronaut Productions, Climate Film Festival, Here On Earth, Human Impacts Institute, Broadway Climate Summit, and Climate Cafe NYC) *Colonels Row Building 406A***

Join the Climate Imaginarium for a New York Climate Week double feature screening event, showcasing climate grief on the big screen. The night will include screenings of the films *Good Grief: The 10 Steps* and *Healing Lahaina*, as well as grounding exercises, plant-based treats, and a special Q&A session.

**September 24, 3:30-5:00PM**

**Island(ing) Adaptations: Leveraging data to inform resilience *Building 309***

Island(ing) Adaptations, co-hosted by *Pratt Institute School of Architecture & The New York Climate Exchange*, brings together visionaries from government, design, finance, academia, and policy who are gathering critical environmental data and turning water into opportunities across three continents.

**September 24, 4-6PM**

**Field Testing Reuse: Shaping a Circular Future Together, Earth Matter NY *The Urban Farm***  
Learn about Earth Matter's hands-on investigation of reuse as an antidote to plastics pollution and throwaway society.

**September 25, 9-11:30AM**

**Sustainable Solutions Challenge: Finalist Showcase *LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island***  
Join The Exchange, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, AWS and Intel, and VELUX, for a showcase of the winning innovations from the organization's Sustainable Solutions Challenge—a global call for bold, scalable ideas in climate-resilient design, infrastructure systems, and building technologies. Each selected solution has the potential to shape The Exchange's groundbreaking climate campus on Governors Island and transform cities worldwide.

**September 25, 12-1:30PM**

**Achieving Zero Waste: Moving the Circular Economy from Idea to Practical Implementation *LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island***

This event, presented by The Exchange and Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, starts with the premise that waste is a design flaw—in packaging, products, and the design and operation of our buildings and communities. Speakers from the Center for Zero Waste Design, the U.S. Green Building Council, and CET will share concrete steps that architects, builders, building owners, and operators can take to implement the circular economy in the built environment.

**September 25, 2-3:30 PM**

**Marine Debt-for-Nature Swaps: What is Needed to Scale Blue Finance? *LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island***

Join Duke University and The New York Climate Exchange for an engaging event exploring how marine debt-for-nature swaps can deliver stronger outcomes for ocean conservation, climate resilience, and coastal communities.

**September 26, 9AM-6PM**

**Power Down & Get Outside: A Climate Week Culmination with The New York Climate Exchange & the Trust for Governors Island *Building 309***

An 8-minute hybrid-electric ferry ride is all that stands between you and a day full of fun and free outdoor activities. Shift away from formal Climate Week NYC conversations and toward nature-inspired conversation, connection, food, and action. Whether you come for an hour, or the day, join us in celebrating the Island's landscapes, history, and future—as a model for climate solutions in cities around the world.

- 9-10:30AM – Rooted in Identity: Reimagining Sustainability Through Community and Culture, *presented by LatinX in Sustainability*
- 11AM-12:30PM – Human Nature: A Climate Mindfulness Experience with Kate Marvel, *in collaboration with Pratt Institute and the Climate Mental Health Network*
- 1-3:30PM – *OBSERVER* Climate Documentary Screening with Q&A, *in collaboration with Stony Brook University and the Science Communication Lab*
- 2-2:30PM – Climate Change Garden Tour, *GrowNYC*
- 3-4PM – Guided Climate Tech Crawl, *The Trust for Governors Island*
- 4-6PM – Happy Hour & Climate Trivia at Taco Vista, *Bill McCabe from Green Apple Trivia*

### **September 27, 12-6PM**

#### **Climate Week Open House, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) LMCC Arts Center at Governors Island**

Join LMCC for a full day of art in action exploring the intersection of art, climate, and urban ecology—free and open to all. Activities include open studios, the Works on Water 2025 Triennial, and a participatory workshop from Works on Water Triennial Artists and Sunk Shore co-founders Carolyn Hall and Clarinda Mac Low imagining the future of our shorelines in the year 2100.

### **September 27, 11AM-3PM**

#### **Urban Farm Cyanotypes, Earth Matter NY & Penumbra Foundation *The Urban Farm***

Learn how to make cyanotype photograms with foraged botanicals from Governors Island—participants will learn about materials and techniques, forage for their own materials at Earth Matter's site on the Urban Farm and create their own unique cyanotype prints. *Rain date: September 28. Registration required.*

### **September 27 & 28, 12-3PM**

#### **Teaching Garden: Climate Change Edition, GrowNYC *The Urban Farm***

Take a climate change garden tour and enjoy fan making crafts during the Urban Farm's weekend public hours.

### **September 28, 1-4PM**

#### **Ripples of Change: Scavenger Hunt & Zine Release Party, Climate Imaginarium & Brave Leap *Colonels Row Building 406A***

Celebrate the closing day of Climate Week NYC with an afternoon of adventure, storytelling, and community spirit honoring 20 inspiring New Yorkers who are making nature in the city more accessible, from surfers riding the Rockaway waves to urban farmers growing fresh produce to boat builders and kayakers reimagining our waterways.

### **On View Daily: Governors Island Arts Public Artworks**

Governors Island Arts, the arts and cultural program presented by the Trust, boasts a diverse collection of public art pieces on view daily throughout the Island, several of which engage with issues of climate and the environment:

- Sam Van Aken’s *The Open Orchard*, located in The Hills within the Island’s award-winning park, takes the form of a vast public orchard of hybrid fruit trees, each containing multiple heirloom varieties that were once found in abundance in the New York City area but have largely disappeared due to climate change and the industrialization of agriculture.
- Mark Dion’s *The Field Station of the Melancholy Marine Biologist*, located inside Building 105 across from Fort Jay, transforms a historic former arsenal building into an abandoned research outpost that invites visitors to peer inside and imagine the life of a solitary researcher faced with the realities of a future marred by climate change.
- Duke Riley’s *Not for Nutton*, located in the Battery Maritime Building ferry terminal at 10 South Street in Manhattan, is a large-scale mural depicting vignettes from the Island’s history contained within modern-day single-use plastic containers found floating in oceans worldwide in a play on the traditional “ship in a bottle.”

The Trust’s climate programs are made possible with the generous support of Amazon, Con Edison, the Donald A. Pels Charitable Trust, and the New York Community Trust.

Governors Island is open daily year-round and is accessible by ferry from Manhattan and Brooklyn. For ferry schedules, operating hours, and other visitor information, visit [www.govisland.org/plan-your-visit](http://www.govisland.org/plan-your-visit).

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### **About the Trust for Governors Island**

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust’s mission is to realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit [www.govisland.org](http://www.govisland.org).

### **About The New York Climate Exchange**

The New York Climate Exchange (“The Exchange”) is a new nonprofit designed to accelerate climate solutions. By leveraging the perspectives of a cross-sector network of diverse partners and New York City’s global influence, The Exchange engages in cutting-edge research, delivers impactful education and training, hosts world-class convenings, and scales climate technology solutions. The Exchange is developing a state-of-the-art climate campus on Governors Island that will bring climate scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, and changemakers under one roof—sparking the collaborations and breakthrough ideas we need to build a sustainable future. Learn more at [www.nyclimateexchange.org](http://www.nyclimateexchange.org).