

MONDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2022

THE BARBICAN CENTRE

LONDON, UK

16:30 Doors open
17:30 - 19:45 Session
19:45 - 21:30 Networking dinner

INVITATION ONLY

Climate change is no longer something for the future or for far-off lands. Its effects are being felt everywhere, from the unprecedented Chinese heatwaves and the water inundating a third of Pakistan, to the fires, floods, storms and droughts that have swept across Europe, North America and Africa this spring and summer. “Weather talk” is now vital talk: climate change is killing people and destroying livelihoods. In parallel, the energy crisis has reignited the debate pitting the necessary energy security against the necessary transition to cleaner forms of energy generation and more considerate usage.

The good news is that we can still contain the worst impacts of climate change. There is a realistic pathway towards a decarbonized world and a radically transformed economic system that we have tried to describe and highlight since we started Countdown, TED’s climate initiative, over three years ago.

Countdown is a collaboration between TED and Leaders’ Quest. Together with many engaged partners, we have so far created over 120 TED Talks, supported over 1,000 TEDxCountdown events in 99 countries, helped organizations and companies attract hundreds of millions of euros in funding and accelerate their trajectory, and made essential ideas more visible.

After hosting a dedicated climate session at TED2022 in Vancouver in April and a session in New York in June, this is our third event of the year. We will talk about frontline communities, agriculture, food, energy efficiency, local climate policies, carbon removals and ways to finance them, equality, and art as a tool to engage communities. Plus, a climate-related music performance.

We are thrilled to have you with us. Welcome to TED Countdown’s London Salon!



SPEAKERS



JADE BEGAY

Indigenous rights expert

Jade Begay, Diné and Tesuque Pueblo, is an Indigenous rights and climate policy expert, organizer, and filmmaker and the climate justice campaign director at NDN Collective. She has partnered with Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities on issues like climate justice and Indigenous self-determination. In 2021 she was appointed by President Biden to serve on the first White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

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COLIN AVERILL

Forest microbiologist

Colin Averill is a senior scientist at ETH Zurich's Crowther Lab, where he and his team study the forest microbiome. He focuses on the ecology of mycorrhizal fungi, which form a symbiosis with the roots of most plants on Earth. He's also the founder of Funga, a startup harnessing forest fungal networks to address the climate crisis, and a co-founder of the Society for the Protection of Underground Networks.

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GEORGE MONBIOT

Author

As an investigative journalist, book author and self-described "professional troublemaker," George Monbiot has spent his adult life writing about and fighting for a habitable planet and thriving democracies. In his new book, *Regenesis: Feeding the World without Devouring the Planet*, he explores the broken global food system and how to fix it.

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XAVIER CORTADA

Eco-artist

Xavier Cortada is a Cuban-American artist working across disciplines to engage communities. His work intends to generate awareness and action around climate change, sea level rise, and biodiversity loss. Based in Miami, he has created art at the North and South poles and across 6 continents, including more than 150 public artworks, installations, collaborative murals and socially engaged projects.

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HUMA YUSUF

Columnist

Huma Yusuf is a columnist for Dawn, an influential newspaper in Pakistan, one of the countries most at risk from climate change. She's also a Global Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the host of *Climate Mahaul*, a Pakistani podcast focusing on stimulating debate and awareness on climate change within the country and region.

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HEIDI SØRENSEN

Climate bureaucrat

Heidi Sørensen has been the head of the Agency for Climate of the city of Oslo, Norway, since 2017 and is a former Deputy Minister for the environment. Oslo's goal is to remove 95 percent of its climate emissions by 2030. Sørensen's job is to work together with the rest of the Municipality to make sure that all the necessary policies and solutions are identified and implemented to reach that goal.

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KSENIA PETRICHENKO

Energy efficiency policy analyst

Ksenia Petrichenko is a policy analyst with the International Energy Agency (IEA), where she is leading the work of the Energy Efficiency Division related to buildings. Her work includes analytical work, capacity building and policy advice for emerging economies on transitioning towards net-zero carbon buildings sector. Previously she worked in the areas of sustainable cooling and low-carbon cities for the UN ESCAP.

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MYVERSE

Artist

MyVerse (real name Natalia Pitti) is a proud Boricua/Panamanian/Florida native who believes music should resonate with you. She's a recording artist, songwriter, poet, battle rapper and humanitarian best known for winning an MTV VMA for a song protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline. She was also the first Latina cast member on MTV's *Wild 'N Out*. She strongly believes that we don't need to be limited to one form of expression.

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KRISTEN WARREN

Artist

Kristen Warren is a jazz/neo soul singer from Melbourne, Florida. She has performed in many venues across the US East Coast, including SOFAR NYC, SOFAR Atlanta and Florida Music Festival. In 2021 she headlined the Space Coast Music festival. It is through her music that Kristen tries to uplift her listeners, encouraging them to "go for it, do it, be it!"

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STACY KAUK

Innovation accelerator

Stacy Kauk is the Head of Sustainability at Shopify, where her role is to bring a climate focus to the millions of businesses using Shopify's platform and their nearly 600 million customers. She is on the board of Frontier, an advance market commitment to accelerate innovation by buying an initial \$925M of permanent carbon removal launched by Shopify, Stripe, Alphabet, Meta and McKinsey Sustainability.

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JAN WURZBACHER

Carbon removals entrepreneur

Jan Wurzbacher is the co-founder and co-CEO of Climeworks, one of the global leaders in developing the complicated technology, known as DAC, to directly capture carbon from the air. A mechanical engineer by training, he founded the company in 2009 in Switzerland together with Christoph Gebald. Climeworks opened Orca, the world's first commercial DAC facility, in Iceland one year ago.

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THE LETTER

Exclusive movie preview

"The Letter - A Message for our Earth" is a new documentary film inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter (book) on climate, *Laudato Si'*. It will premiere globally on YouTube on Tuesday, 4 October 2022. An excerpt of the Pope's second TEDTalk, which he gave for the launch of Countdown, features in the movie. We will see a short exclusive preview.

theletterfilm.org

HOSTS



LOGAN MCCLURE DAVDA

Head of Impact, TED

Logan McClure Davda is Head of Impact at TED and co-founder of TED Countdown, the organization's first issue-specific initiative. On a previous tour at TED, Logan launched the TED Fellows program.



BRUNO GIUSSANI

Lead Curator, TED Countdown

Bruno Giussani is the Global Curator of TED and co-founder and Lead Curator of TED's climate initiative, Countdown. He joined TED in 2005 and has curated hundreds of TED Talks.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Everyone attending this event must provide proof of vaccination (full series + 2 weeks). Wearing masks is recommended during the event; masks will be available. (These guidelines may be adjusted closer to the event based on expert recommendations and changes to local regulations.)

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