

GC 495: GENDER
AND THE
ENVIRONMENT

Climate Change is an LGBTQ Issue

A zine displaying the
connections between
the LGBTQ
community and the
climate crisis.

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OXFORD LANGUAGES' DEFINITION

CLIMATE CRISIS:

"a situation characterized by the threat of highly dangerous, irreversible changes to the global climate"

Can you use it in a Sentence? "they demand the government take **urgent** action to tackle the climate crisis and prevent an environmental catastrophe".



THESE ARE THE FACTS:

- The LGBTQ community is one of the marginalized groups of people who are disproportionately affected by climate change
- The Climate movement will thrive with the voices and power of the LGBTQ community



"NUMBERS HAVE LIFE; THEY'RE NOT JUST SYMBOLS ON PAPER"

Shankuntala Devi

LEARN FROM THE FACTS:

- LGBTQ youth already make up around 40% of homelessness in the U.S., while climate change continues to misplace more and more people as natural disasters increase with climate change.
- Gender-based violence, especially for the trans-community, increases significantly after climate related disasters. 28 transgender people have been murdered in 2020 so far already.

1 in 5 LGBTQ Americans live in poverty. This poverty rate is guaranteed to increase while facing the effects of climate change.



pitter/patter



HEIDI ANDREA RESTREPO RHODES

the night is silver in its silence
moon-pop echoes of the day
raked up rubble of the hours spent
my, the children slumber
a thousand tomorrows bubbling at their lips
the dream projections lighting up
the clouds' ample cotton
relish the silence
as you'll relish tomorrow
and the honesty of such raucous noise, thick
child feet of our unfeathered breasts, beasts we cherish
hallway run, sprints to smash the mash of foodtumbling, rolling
right into these arms
charmed in their amnesia regarding where one
begins or ends
reminding us of the joy
of first step and the storm after the holler:
mama see, mama watch
pitter/patter
pitter/patter
thunder on a hardwood, heartbeat
this sole and counted rhythm
every generation a temporal fugitive
running from the death grip
every death ship's watch, yesterdays
we weren't meant to make it through
relish the memory ingrained in the sound
how these tiny, tiny feet grip the floor, say
tomorrow, tomorrow! make you
tomorrow



Rhodes is a queer poet who states that this piece is about "how the everyday sound of young children awake and alive in their day is also the sound of generations not only having survived, but of future world-building possibility".

"HOPE IS A WAKING DREAM"

CELEBRATING LGBTQ CLIMATE ACTIVISTS



JAMIE MARGOLIN

"Jamie Margolin is an American climate justice activist and the co-executive director of Zero Hour, a climate action organization based in Seattle, Washington. Margolin identifies as a lesbian and speaks openly about her experiences as an LGBT person".



ERYN WISE

"Eryn Wise, of the Jicarilla Apache and Laguna Pueblo tribes, has been working in New Mexico to create supportive spaces for LGBTQ Indigenous youth, who often live in 'the margins of climate justice,' she said, as a result of being heavily marginalized and displaced".



ADWOA ADDAE

"Adwoa Addae, an immigrant from Jamaica who previously served as the accountability co-coordinator of SustainUS, said she sees parallels between rigid gender norms and the unyielding extractive relationships between many corporations and natural resources".

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