



LIFE 2020 Virtual Event Preliminary Program*

The New York State Public Service Commission and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), in cooperation with the LIFE Steering Committee, are proud to announce the LIFE biennial Statewide event will be held virtually this year. While we will miss being together in person, we look forward to providing the LIFE network with the same knowledge sharing and discussion opportunities that have become synonymous with LIFE events.

**Program activities as stated are a preliminary and are subject to change. Details will be updated as they become available.*

Live Online Preliminary Agenda

Explore our daily theme with focused presentations, panel discussions, and Q&A conversation

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

New York State at the Forefront

Time	Session Focus	Topic
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Daily Welcome	Welcome to our day focused on New York State's leadership at the forefront of energy and climate policy and planning.
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Policy and Foundations	New York's Climate Policy and Disadvantaged Communities Learn how the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is driving New York State's clean energy future and fostering a green economy that can benefit New York's disadvantaged communities.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	From the Field	Beneficial Electrification for Low- to Moderate-Income Households Learn about New York State's plan for electrifying buildings and how low- and moderate-income households can benefit from New York's policies and investments in a net zero carbon future.
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Moving Forward	High Performance All Electric Construction in Low- to Moderate-Income Communities Learn about the role high performance housing can play in low- to moderate-income communities and hear about successful projects utilizing cutting edge energy technologies.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

New Developments

Time	Session Focus	Topic
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Daily Welcome	Welcome to our day focused on new developments that demonstrate how New York State is advancing energy affordability and access to clean energy.
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Policy and Foundations	Advancing Energy Affordability and Access to Clean Energy in New York State Learn about New York's recent near \$1 billion investment to increase access to energy efficiency for over 350,000 New Yorkers and double the number of households receiving energy efficiency services.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	From the Field	Workforce Development Opportunities for Priority Populations Learn about NYSERDA's workforce development initiatives that provide opportunities for underserved individuals to work in the clean energy industry.
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Moving Forward	Bringing Clean Transportation to Low- to Moderate-Income Communities Learn about innovations in planning for expanded access to clean transportation and electric vehicles.

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Equity in Action

Time	Session Focus	Topic
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Daily Welcome	Welcome to our day focused on the vision for an equitable and sustainable future.
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Policy and Foundations	Energy Equity in Action Learn how New York is ensuring a just and equitable transition to clean energy for all New Yorkers.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	From the Field	Energy Equity in New York State and Other Jurisdictions Learn how New York State and other jurisdictions are prioritizing energy equity and working with communities to develop capacity for advancing their own climate and energy justice goals.
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Moving Forward	Co-producing Knowledge to Advance New York's Climate Justice Goals Learn how grassroots innovation and community collaboration are key to building an equitable energy future.

Friday, October 30, 2020

Focused Learning and Conversation

Time	Session Focus	Topic
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Focused Learning	Interactive Virtual Poverty Simulation <i>Hosted by the United Way of the Greater Capital Region</i> Put yourself in ALICE's shoes – an A sset L imited, I ncome C onstrained, E mployed New Yorker. The United Way of the Greater Capital Region will facilitate an interactive virtual poverty simulation exercise that shows how one extra bill, one unexpected cost, or one unforeseen circumstance can lead a household to poverty. The session will include a review of the latest New York State ALICE data. Limited to 30 attendees. Separate registration for this session is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about how to join the session. Reserve your virtual seat now. <i>United Way Facilitators: Michaëlle Mugisha and Erica Warner</i>
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Focused Learning	Attorney Training <i>Hosted by the Public Utility Law Project of NY and the NYS Department of Public Service</i> The Public Utility Law Project of New York and the New York State Department of Public Service are partnering to provide continuing legal education training as a part of the LIFE 2020 Virtual Event. The training instructs attorneys on the law of "Shared Meter" in New York and the Complaints/Appellate Practice in front of the New York State Public Service Commission. The training is free to attend with your LIFE 2020 Virtual Event registration. Please note, advance registration for the event is required. Continuing Legal Education accreditation for this session is pending (2 credits). The goals of the training for the attending attorneys are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize a shared meter situation when it occurs, and to know how to avail their clients of the process and remedies to get the situation corrected and any refunds; Learn the intricacies of the Public Service Commission's two-tier initial complaint process, and to learn how to seek effective appellate relief after unfavorable decisions in the initial complaint process. <i>Presenters: Richard Berkley, Public Utility Law Project of New York; Alex Karman, NYS Department of Public Service; Alicia Sullivan, NYS Department of Public Service</i>
1:30 PM - 4:45 PM	Conversation	Discussion on Envisioning an Equitable Energy Future <i>Hosted by NYSERDA</i> As part of the LIFE 2020 Virtual Event, we are coming together for information sharing and facilitated discussion on two pivotal topics. 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET Let's talk about . . . electrification for low- and moderate-income households. Come help shape the State's 10-year plan for electrifying buildings and help ensure low- and moderate-income New Yorkers benefit from the policies and investments in a net zero carbon future. 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. ET Let's talk about . . . the future of energy efficiency programs. As part of the implementation of New York's far-reaching climate goals, NYSERDA is redesigning single-family energy efficiency programs, we will join together for a brainstorming session about possibilities for Statewide incentives moving forward. Come let your voice be heard during this crucial planning for our clean energy future.

On Demand Library Preview

Browse a catalog of recorded presentations to stay current on the issues most important to you

Learn at your own pace with a catalog of recorded presentations to stay current on energy issues, program developments, climate policy, and technical trainings. The On Demand Library is available to registrants through December 31, 2020. The list below is not comprehensive and will be updated as our Library develops.

Program and Initiative Updates

- Best practices for Program Implementation
- Community Solar Success Stories
- Developing Research on Equitable Cooling
- Finance Opportunities in the Affordable Housing Sector
- Financing Clean Energy Projects in Low- to Moderate-Income Communities
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Updates for the 2020-2021 Heating Season
- Learnings from NYSERDA Program Evaluations
- NYS Healthy Homes Value-Based Payment Pilot
- NYSERDA's Community Engagement Programs
- Solar and Affordable Housing

Outreach and Consumer Protections

- Access to Healthcare During COVID-19
- Addressing the Unique Utility Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence
- Connecting People to Services: myBenefits.com and Other Paths to Services
- Protecting Your Clients' Utility Rights During and After COVID-19
- Providing Older Adults with Needed Services
- Utility Bill Payment Assistance Programs

Equity and Intersections

- Energy Justice Goals and Priorities
- Issues at the Nexus of Energy and Health
- Understanding the Requirement of Diversity in the New Green Frontier
- Water as a Climate and Health Issue
- LGBTQ+ People and Utilities - Intersecting Issues

Contractor and Technical Trainings

- Best Practices in Retrofitting Mobile Homes
- Heating 101
- Residential Electric Usage: Identification and Reduction Strategies
- Understanding Residential Pressure Diagnostics
- What is an Energy Audit?