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# 9TH NYC GREEN SCHOOL CONFERENCE-2025

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### **About the Conference**

The **9th NYC Green School Conference 2025**, the premier annual convening of **Green Mentor**—an organization with *Special Consultative Status at the United Nations ECOSOC* and an active member of UNESCO's **Greening Education Partnership**—will be held on **September 23–24, 2025**, at the **ILR School**, **Cornell University**, **New York**.

Aligned with the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Climate Week NYC, this landmark gathering reaffirms education's essential role as an instrument of climate resilience, social equity, and sustainable development.

#### **ROOTED IN THE THEME**

Pupils --- Progress --- Partnerships --- Prosperity



Green School is a sacred learning grove where tomorrow is not a date—it is a promise, blooming in every leaf, every lesson, and every learner.

The 2025 conference embodies a global call to action, urging the transformation of education systems into **living frameworks of planetary consciousness**, inclusive progress, and regenerative potential.

Pupils as emerging changemakers

The **Planet** as both educator and responsibility

Progress as a dynamic, equitable pathway

Partnerships as the engine of systemic impact

Prosperity as a holistic, just, and sustainable future

This immersive convening will bring together a **diverse**, **intergenerational**, **and interdisciplinary coalition**: educators, youth leaders, researchers, policymakers, technologists, designers, financial catalysts, and environmental advocates from all regions of the world.

Over two dynamic days, participants will engage in a curated experience designed to inspire and equip

- Plenary sessions and keynotes featuring visionary global voices
- **Policy dialogues** and **interactive panels** that shape educational futures
- Hands-on workshops and student showcases spotlighting real-world action
- Innovation and Climate Expos revealing leading-edge solutions
- Zones dedicated to Al in education, digital engagement, green technologies, mindfulness, and strategic collaboration
- The prestigious **Green Awards Ceremony**, honoring exemplary leadership in environmental education



### **Objectives**

### 1. Accelerate Learning Outcomes in Green Schools

Promote evidence-based strategies and learner-centered pedagogies that strengthen climate literacy, environmental stewardship, and academic achievement within greencertified institutions.

## 3. Foster Leadership and Governance for Greening Education

Support school and university leaders in embedding sustainability within governance models, policy design, and institutional practices, ensuring alignment with climate & equity goals.

## 5. Integrate Sustainability into Curriculum and Pedagogy

Advance the systemic integration of sustainability across disciplines through greened curricula, climate-responsive teaching, and values-based education that nurtures global citizenship.

## 7. Establish Green Teacher Accreditation and Development Frameworks

Define international standards for the professional growth of educators who are equipped to lead sustainability instruction & foster school-wide environmental transformation.

#### 9. Transform Universities into Engines of the Green Economy

Position higher education institutions as knowledge hubs for sustainability research, green entrepreneurship, policy innovation, and intergenerational problem-solving.

### 2. Advance Green School Accreditation Standards

Harmonize and elevate global frameworks for green school certification, focusing on leadership, infrastructure, pedagogy, and measurable community impact.

## 4. Enhance Financing Mechanisms for Greening Education

Explore inclusive and scalable financing solutions to enable the development of green infrastructure, curricular innovation, and educator capacity-building across both K–12 and higher education.

## 6. Promote Innovation, Gamification, and Digital Tools

Encourage the ethical development and deployment of educational technologies, serious games, & digital platforms that boost student engagement & ecological awareness.

## 8. Strengthen Green Graduate Pathways to Green Jobs

Align academic programs with the evolving landscape of green careers, supporting learner transitions into the climate economy through career-readiness initiatives and workforce development.

## 10. Advance Green Research and Knowledge Production

Promote interdisciplinary and applied research that informs evidence-based policies, fosters global knowledge exchange, and drives actionable outcomes in education

### **Conference Structure**

#### **Plenary Sessions**

High-level, purpose-setting gatherings to open and close the conference. These sessions feature global thought leaders, UN partners, and youth voices articulating the vision and urgency for transforming education in service of planetary well-being and inclusive prosperity.

#### **Keynote Insights**

Inspirational talks from distinguished speakers—climate scientists, education reformers, youth activists, and innovators—sharing bold ideas and breakthrough approaches that redefine sustainability in learning.

#### **Success Stories**

Showcases of exemplary schools, universities, and community projects successfully implementing sustainability initiatives. These sessions offer real-world lessons and scalable models.

#### **Student Showcase**

This space features youth-led presentations, performances, innovations, and climate campaigns. It highlights student leadership in sustainability and fosters intergenerational dialogue.

#### **Interactive Panels**

Thematic, moderated discussions led by education, government, academia, and civil society experts. These panels allow deep dives into key topics such as:

- Greening education partnership
- Green school financing
- Green School governance and leadership
- Inspiring politicians to transform policies
- > Preparing Green Graduates for the Jobs

#### **Workshops**

Hands-on, participatory learning sessions provide practical tools and strategies for educators, administrators, and sustainability professionals.

- Greening curriculum design
- Green pedagogies
- Green Graduate Program
- Greening classrooms
- Green campus strategies

#### **Policy Dialogues**

These are closed-door and public sessions that engage policymakers, education leaders, and multilateral agencies. They focus on creating enabling frameworks for SDG-aligned education systems and climate-responsive policy reform.

#### **Investors & Financiers Meet**

A curated forum where philanthropists, impact investors, and financing institutions connect with schools, universities, and startups to scale high-potential sustainability solutions in education.

#### **Collaboration & Partnership Desk**

A structured matchmaking and networking hub to forge new collaborations across sectors. On-site facilitators support alliance-building among NGOs, government agencies, universities, and private-sector actors.

#### **Innovation Hub**

Live demonstrations of emerging EdTech, sustainable school solutions, Al tools, and green infrastructure models. A space for discovery, experimentation, and investment.

#### **Climate Expo**

A curated exhibition of sustainability-focused technologies, products, programs, and services relevant to educational institutions.

#### **Mindfulness Lounge**

A dedicated space for well-being practices featuring sessions on social-emotional learning (SEL), educator wellness, nature connection, and mental health.

#### **Al in Education Mentoring Zone**

Personalized mentoring and advisory sessions for educators and administrators on integrating AI in:

- Learning personalization
- Resource optimization
- Climate data literacy
- Green school management systems

#### **Digital Engagement Zone**

Interactive digital touchpoints within the conference app and venue:

- Live polling and Q&A
- Gamification elements
- Virtual reality showcases
- Al-powered matchmaking

### **Networking Opportunities**

Formal and informal meetups are designed to encourage cross-sectoral and cross-cultural exchange among attendees. Includes thematic networking lunches, regional roundtables, and evening receptions.

#### A Call to Action

A powerful closing session where delegates make collective and individual pledges for real-world impact, supported by follow-up resources and reporting mechanisms.

### **Recognition and Awards**

The **Green Awards Ceremony** honors individuals, institutions, and initiatives that make transformative contributions to sustainability in education, including innovation, equity, leadership, and student empowerment.



### **Program Tracks**

#### TRACK 1

#### **Climate-Smart Learning Environments**

#### **Theme**

From Curriculum to Campus – Embedding Climate Literacy and Stewardship at Every Level

#### **Linked Objectives**

- Accelerate Learning Outcomes in Green Schools
- Integrate Sustainability into Curriculum & Pedagogy
- Advance Green School Accreditation Standards

#### **Focus Areas**

- Climate-Conscious Curriculum Design
- Greening School Infrastructure
- Student Engagement and Climate Action
- Safe, Inclusive, & Healthy School Environments

#### **Calls for Papers**

- Innovative pedagogical models for climate education
- Case studies of certified green schools
- Climate resilience in school infrastructure
- Mental health and nature-connected learning environments

#### **Session Types**

- Workshops: Climate curriculum design labs
- Panels: Climate literacy across K–12
- Showcases: Student-led sustainability projects
- Expo Highlights: Green building and school retrofits

#### TRACK 2

#### Leadership, Policy, and Systems Change

#### Theme

Building the Institutional Architecture of a Sustainable Education Future

#### **Linked Objectives**

- Foster Education Leadership and Governance
- Advance Green School Accreditation
- Champion Policy Advocacy & Systemic Change

#### **Focus Areas**

- Sustainable Campus Operations and Governance
- Empowering Teachers for Sustainability Leadership
- Education Policy and Climate Governance

#### **Calls for Papers**

- Leadership frameworks for greening education
- National and local policy integration strategies
- Institutional case studies of sustainability governance

#### **Session Types**

- Plenaries: Government and ministry-level perspectives
- Policy Dialogues: Education-climate policy convergence
- Workshops: School board & leadership sustainability planning
- Recognition: Green Teacher & Green Leadership Awards

Sustainability is not a department in a Green School —it is the heartbeat of building a sustainable future.

#### TRACK 3

#### **Financing and Scaling Green Education**

#### **Theme**

Unlocking Capital, Innovation, and Equity for a Just Transition in Learning

#### **Linked Objectives**

- Enhance Financing Mechanisms
- Advance Accreditation Standards
- Address Systemic Challenges in K–12 and Higher Education

#### **Focus Areas**

- Innovative Financing for Green Education
- Equitable Access and Resource Distribution

#### **Calls for Papers**

- Scalable funding models for sustainable schools
- Equity-driven investment in under-resourced systems
- Public-private education finance innovation

#### **Session Types**

- Investors & Financiers Meet
- Panels: Green bond funding for education
- Workshops: Budgeting for sustainable school operations

**Expo:** Impact investors and funding platforms

#### TRACK 4

#### Technology, AI, and the Digital Green School

#### **Theme**

Harnessing Innovation Ethically to Advance Environmental and Educational Goals

#### **Linked Objectives**

- Promote Green Innovation, Games, and Digital Tools
- Establish Green Teacher Accreditation
- Integrate Sustainability into Pedagogy

#### **Focus Areas:**

- Digital Transformation and AI in Education
- Innovation Hub and Climate Expo
- Gamification and Environmental Learning Technologies

#### **Calls for Papers**

- Case studies of AI in sustainable education
- · EdTech for personalized green learning
- Ethical considerations of digital sustainability tools

#### **Session Types**

- Mentoring Zone: Al in education clinics
- Innovation Hub Demos
- Panels: Digital equity and sustainability
- Workshops: Gamifying green education



#### TRACK 5

#### **Higher Education and the Green Economy**

#### **Theme**

Repositioning Universities as Catalysts for a Just, Regenerative Future

#### **Linked Objectives**

- Strengthen Green Graduate Pathways
- Transform Universities into Engines of the Green Economy
- Advance Green Research and Knowledge Production

#### **Focus Areas**

- Academic Programs Aligned with Green Careers
- Green Research and Innovation Ecosystems
   Global Education for Sustainable Development

#### **Calls for Papers**

- Green entrepreneurship in academia
- Workforce-aligned sustainability programs
- Interdisciplinary climate research and policy translation

#### **Session Types**

- Panels: Green career pipelines
- Research Symposium: Scholarly paper presentations
- Workshops: Curriculum co-design with industry
- Expo: University innovations & campus case studies

#### TRACK 6

#### Partnership, Community, & Global Collaboration

#### **Theme**

Forging Local-to-Global Alliances for Transformational Change

#### **Linked Objectives**

- Cultivate Global and Local Partnership
- Promote Community-Based Education Solutions
- Build a Global Network for Greening Education

#### **Focus Areas**

- Community Partnerships and Place-Based Learning
- International Collaboration on ESD
- Collaboration & Partnership Desk

#### **Calls for Papers**

- Successful school-community climate projects
- Cross-border partnerships for SDG 4.7
- Indigenous and local knowledge in sustainability education

#### **Session Types**

- Networking Forums: Global school-university-NGO linkages
- Community Panels: Place-based green learning
- Partnership Showcases: Grassroots alliances in action

**Special Program Elements (Cross-Cutting All Tracks)** 

Green Awards Ceremony – Recognizing leadership across all tracks
Student Showcase – Youth-led innovations across education systems
Mindfulness Lounge – SEL, educator wellness, and climate grief support
Call to Action – Final reflection and commitment session
Digital Engagement Zone – Real-time interaction, gamification, and feedback loops

### **Global Green Awards 2025**

#### A Planetary Tribute to Education in Service of the Earth

At the convergence of climate urgency and educational purpose, the **Global Green Awards 2025** shine a radiant light on those who are cultivating a new era of planetary responsibility.

These awards recognize the **visionaries**, **institutions**, **and changemakers** who have transformed classrooms, policies, technologies, and communities into ecosystems of **sustainability**, **justice**, **and regeneration**.

As the world assembles in New York during the **80th UNGA** and **Climate Week NYC**, this global celebration uplifts those who live the ethos of **Pupils – Planet – Progress – Partnerships – Prosperity**.

These are not just awards—they are **seeds of legacy**, planted in fertile ground to grow a livable, inclusive, and flourishing future.





#### **Whole-Institution Sustainability Leadership**

#### Star Green School of the Year 2025

The highest honor for a K–12 school demonstrating whole-system sustainability, visionary leadership, and transformational student engagement.

#### International Green School Award

Recognizes a K–12 institution that integrates environmental education with school-wide practices, community involvement, and measurable green impact.

#### International Healthy School Award

Celebrates learning environments prioritizing air and water quality, nutrition, nature-based learning, and holistic well-being.

#### International Inclusive School Award

Honors a school actively promoting equitable, culturally inclusive, and justice-centered sustainability education.

#### Global Green Governance Award

Recognizes governance bodies in schools or universities that embed climate ethics into policy, strategy, accountability, and stakeholder engagement.

#### **Professional Excellence in Green Education**

#### International Green Teacher Award

Honors an educator whose teaching inspires climate literacy, planetary stewardship, and values-driven learning.

#### International Green Mentor Award

Acknowledges an educator or coach whose leadership nurtures the next generation of environmental changemakers.

#### Innovation, Technology & Eco-Design

#### International Green EdTech Award

Recognizes digital learning tools that bring climate education to life with accessibility, interactivity, and impact.

#### Global Green Games Curator Award

Honors those designing interactive, gamified learning experiences that promote systems thinking and climate action.

#### Green Tech Leader Award

Celebrates innovators developing transformative clean technologies for learning environments and school operations.

#### **Youth & Higher Education Leadership**

#### International Green University Award

Honors a university that leads in climate-aligned teaching, research, and sustainable campus operations.

#### International Green College Award

Recognizes a college actively shaping the green transition through community engagement and accessible, applied learning.

#### International Green Graduate Award

Celebrates an emerging leader using academic excellence and climate passion to forge meaningful impact.

#### Green Class of the Year 2025

Celebrates a classroom leading the way in climate literacy, action-based learning, and everyday environmental practices.

#### Young Climate Leader of the Year 2025

Acknowledges an outstanding K–12 student whose passion, leadership, and action inspire bold change

## Green Economy, Jobs & Regenerative Finance

#### International Green Entrepreneur Award

Honors business leaders building purposedriven, sustainable enterprises rooted in environmental ethics.

#### Green Economist Award

Recognizes economists advancing planetary prosperity through circular models, degrowth theory, and climate-conscious frameworks.

#### Green Job Creator Award

Acknowledges organizations or individuals expanding green career pathways through education, innovation, or industry alignment.

#### Green Investor Award

Celebrates those whose financial contributions enable transformative climate learning, green infrastructure, and innovation.

## Built Environment & Operational Sustainability

#### International Green Architect Award

Honors design leaders creating regenerative, resilient, and learning-rich educational spaces.

#### International Green School Auditor Award

Recognizes professionals conducting highimpact sustainability audits that lead to

#### Media, Arts & Planetary Storytelling

#### International Green Content Creator Award

Honors creators whose storytelling elevates public understanding of environmental justice and solutions.

#### International Green Film Award

Celebrates cinematic visions that inspire empathy, awareness, and ecological connection.

#### International Climate Documentary Award

Acknowledges filmmakers capturing the lived realities of the climate crisis and the courage of those meeting it.

#### International Climate Author Award

Recognizes writers translating climate science, justice, and hope into narratives that move minds and hearts.

#### International Climate Journalist Award

Honors journalism that informs, mobilizes, and holds systems accountable in the age of climate emergency.

#### Policy, Diplomacy & Systems Change

#### International Green Policy Maker Award

Celebrates policymakers crafting bold, inclusive legislation aligned with sustainability and education.

#### International Climate Accounting Award

Recognizes those pioneering ESG, emissions tracking, and fiscal transparency within education systems.

#### International Climate Diplomacy Award

Honors international negotiators fostering multilateral agreements and global climate cooperation.

#### International Climate Leadership Award

Awarded to a visionary whose leadership has catalyzed climate progress at a systemic, global scale.

### **Nomination & Selection Process**

Nominees are evaluated by a **diverse global panel** of leaders in education, sustainability, policy, and innovation. Selection is based on:

- Transformative environmental and educational impact
- Innovation and originality in approach
- Commitment to equity, inclusion, and access
- Alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Scalability, collaboration, and long-term vision

These awards are not just recognitions—they are **rituals of gratitude** for those planting the future. Each honoree represents a pathway toward a planet where **education heals**, **empowers**, **and transforms**.



Together, let us honor the visionaries who are making sustainability not just a lesson—but a way of life.

### **Speaking Opportunities**

### Raise Your Voice, Shape the Future, Inspire a Greener Tomorrow

The **9th NYC Green School Conference 2025**, is proud to offer a global platform for voices that are transforming education into a force for climate resilience, justice, and sustainability.

We invite educators, policymakers, youth leaders, researchers, technologists, sustainability professionals, creatives, and community builders from around the world to share their ideas, insights, and innovations as part of this landmark event.

### **Types of Speaking Opportunities**

#### **Keynote Addresses**

Global leaders and visionary thinkers with transformative ideas that can guide the future of climate education and sustainability.

#### **Workshops & Masterclasses**

Hands-on, participatory sessions that provide tools, strategies, and replicable models for practitioners and school

#### **Youth-Led Sessions**

Dedicated slots for K-12 and university students to present environmental projects, campaigns, innovations, or advocacy work shaping their communities.

### **How to Apply**

To be considered as a speaker, please submit

- 1. A brief speaker bio (150–200 words)
- 2. A session title and abstract (300–500 words)
- 3. Intended format (Keynote, Panel, Workshop, etc.)
- 4. Optional: Supporting links to previous talks, publications, or media

### Deadline for Speaking Proposals: July 15, 2025

#### **Panel Discussions**

Interdisciplinary conversations around conference tracks such as curriculum innovation, policy reform, green finance, EdTech, youth leadership, and regenerative infrastructure.

#### **Success Story Spotlights**

Short, powerful presentations showcasing real-world implementation of sustainable education solutions in schools, colleges, universities, or communities.

#### **Scholarly Paper Presentations**

For researchers and academics presenting new data, theoretical frameworks, or policy-relevant findings aligned with the conference objectives.



### **Partnership Opportunities**

#### Join the Movement to Reimagine Education for a Regenerative Planet

The **9th NYC Green School Conference 2025**, convened alongside the 80th United Nations General Assembly and Climate Week NYC, is a global platform dedicated to transforming education systems into **climate action**, **equity**, **and sustainable prosperity** engines.

We invite aligned organizations, institutions, innovators, and visionaries to partner with us in shaping a future where **every learner becomes a steward of the Earth**.

#### 1. Strategic Partner

For institutions co-leading the conference vision through co-branded content, global advocacy, or research support.

- Co-host plenary or policy dialogues
- Launch joint publications or framework
- Branding across all platforms
- Invitation to Global Green Awards jury

#### 2. Track Partner

Align your mission with a key conference theme (e.g., green curriculum, school infrastructure, Al in education).

- Co-design program sessions
- Moderate panels or workshops
- Brand visibility within track communications
- Featured speaking opportunity

#### 3. Awards Partner

Sponsor a category in the **Global Green Awards 2025**, honoring excellence in education, innovation, and Leadership.

- Name recognition on awards materials & ceremony
- Present award on stage
- Press and media coverage
- Post-event visibility in the Awards Yearbook

#### 4. Innovation Partner

Showcase technologies or ideas in the Innovation Hub, Climate Expo, or Al Mentoring Zone.

- Exhibit booth or demo stage access
- Product integration in workshops
- Inclusion in EdTech/green innovation publications
- Featured case study in conference documentation

#### 5. Youth Engagement Partner

- Empower young climate leaders through scholarships, student showcases, and creative competitions.
- Sponsor "Young Climate Leader" or "Green Class of the Year" award
- Host student-led roundtables or art installations
   Feature in the Youth Showcase & Green Lounge

#### 6. Finance & Policy Partner

Advance green investment in education and sustainable governance.

- Co-host the Investors & Financiers Meet Participate in financing strategy sessions
- Engage in green bond & blended finance discussions
- Joint white paper opportunities

#### **Custom Partnerships Available**

Media, documentary, and journalism partners

Climate-smart infrastructure or green supply chain providers

Local impact alliances and grassroots networks

## **Conference Schedule**

### Day 1 – Tuesday, September 23, 2025

**Theme:** Greening Education – Reimagining Education for Climate, Justice & Resilience

| Time                        | Session  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 08:00 - 09:00               | Registration   |
| 09:00 - 09:45               | <b>Opening Plenary</b> : Greening <i>Education for Sustainable Future</i> All Focus Areas – Vision-setting |
| 09:45 - 10:30               | Keynote: Pupils, Planet, Progress, Partnerships, Prosperity  |
| 10:30 – 11:00               | Climate Expo Walk & Networking   |
| Morni                       | ng Breakout Sessions: K–12 Transformation  |
| 11:00 – 12:30               | <b>Session A</b> : Teaching for Tomorrow – Climate-Conscious Curriculum Designing practices                |
|                             | Workshop A1: Greening Pedagogies for Aching Leaning Outcomes   |
|                             | Workshop A2: Greening Class Strategies   |
|                             | Session B: Equity, Access & Opportunity in Green Education   |
|                             | Panel: Funding the Green Gap: Policies & Partnerships  |
|                             | Case Studies: Green Schools and Green Teachers   |
|                             | Session C: Green Teaching practices  |
|                             | Hands-On Lab: Green Games  |
|                             | Mid-day Programming  |
| 12:30 – 13:30               | Sustainable Lunch + Mindfulness Lounge & SEL Activities  |
| Afternoon Breakout Sessions | Infrastructure, Innovation & Youth Action  |
| 13:30 – 15:00               | <b>Session D</b> : Greening School Infrastructure – Living Laboratories of the Sustainable Future          |
|                             | Tech Tour: Green Classrooms and Carbon-Neutral Design  |
|                             | Session E: Student Climate Action and Civic Leadership   |
|                             | Student Showcase: Youth-Led Sustainability Projects  |
|                             | Dialogue: Youth Climate Justice & Policy Influence   |
|                             | Session F: Safe, Healthy, Inclusive Learning Environments  |
|                             | <b>Workshop</b> : Greening Education for Mental Health & Environmental Wellness                            |
|                             | Evening Engagements  |
| 16:00 – 17:30               | Policy Dialogue I: Enabling Climate Governance in Education  |
| 17:30 – 18:30               | Green Networking Reception (Partnership Building)  |

## **Conference Schedule**

### Day 2 – Wednesday, September 24, 2025

**Theme:** From Vision to Action – Building the Architecture of a Regenerative Education System

| Time          | Session   |
|---------------|---|
| 08:30 - 09:00 | Morning Meditation & Mindful Journaling                                       |
| 09:00 – 10:15 | Panel: Green Universities as Engines of the Green Economy                     |
|               | Includes discussion on campus operations, green Jobs, and research ecosystems |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Session G: Digital Transformation & Ethical AI in Sustainability Educatio     |
|               | Showcase: Al for Impact Measurement & Personalized Learning                   |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Green Graduate Program and Green Job opportunities                            |
|               | Midday Strategic Dialogues  |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Climate-Positive Lunch & SEL Sound Healing                                    |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Session H: Green Financing for Green Education                                |
|               | Roundtable: Impact Investing, Green Bonds & Blended Finance                   |
|               | Session I: Community Partnerships & Place-Based Sustainability Solutions      |
|               | Workshop: Decentralized Climate Learning with Local Stakeholders              |
|               | Session J: Tools for Tracking Impact in Sustainability Education              |
|               | Launch: Greening Education Indicators Toolkit (GEIT)                          |
|               | Closing Plenary & Awards  |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Global Green Awards 2025 Ceremony   |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | A Unified Call to Action: Commitments for 2030 Strategic alignment + Closing  |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | Partnership Toast & Farewell   Celebrating global collaboration               |

### **Other Features**

Climate Expo | Innovation Hub Mindfulness Lounge | Digital Engagement Zone Collaboration Desk | Green Awards Exhibit

### **Venue**

#### A World-Class Hub for Dialogue, Innovation, and Sustainable Impact

The 9th NYC Green School Conference 2025 will take place at the prestigious ILR School's NYC Conference Center at Cornell University, located in the heart of Manhattan at 570 Lexington Avenue.

Nestled within New York City's iconic Midtown East district, the ILR Conference Center offers a **dynamic**, **modern**, **and accessible environment** designed for high-level convenings, collaborative learning, and global engagement.

#### Why ILR NYC is the Ideal Venue for a Planetary Dialogue on Education and Sustainability?

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#### **Central, Strategic Location**

Situated just steps from the United Nations Headquarters and major transportation hubs, the center positions our delegates at the crossroads of **qlobal policy**, **diplomacy**, **and innovation**.

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#### Sustainable Infrastructure & Design

Housed in the historic **Art Deco General Electric Building**, the ILR Conference Center seamlessly blends **architectural heritage** with **modern upgrades**, including energy-efficient systems and flexible room configurations.

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#### **Purpose-Built for Thought Leadership**

Featuring state-of-the-art audio-visual technology, multiple modular conference rooms, and dedicated spaces for exhibitions and networking, the venue supports the kind of **immersive**, **interactive**, **and interdisciplinary experience** this conference demands.



#### Cornell's Legacy of Public Impact

As part of **Cornell University's ILR School**—a global leader in workplace innovation, equity, and policy—the venue reinforces our mission to align **education with justice**, **sustainability**, **and transformation**.

### ILR Conference Center – Cornell University

570 Lexington Avenue (at 51st Street) New York, NY 10022, USA



### **Registration Process & Deadlines**

- 1. Visit the Official Registration Portal: www.greenmentors.world | Google Form
- 3. Select Your Registration Category
- 4. Choose from
  - General Attendee (Educators, Administrators, Youth Advocates)
  - Speaker or Panelist (if approved)
  - Institutional Group (for 5 or more from one organization)
  - Student Delegate (K–12 or University)
  - Green Awards Nominee or Finalist
  - Partner or Sponsor Guest
- 5. Make Payment
- 6. Payment options include credit/debit card, and institutional invoice.
- 7. Receive Confirmation



### **Special Registration Notes**

- **Students and Youth Delegates** are eligible for discounted registration and travel support (apply via registration form).
- **Group Discounts** are available for institutions registering five or more delegates.
- All Access Passes include plenary sessions, workshops, Climate Expo, and the Mindfulness Lounge.
- Awardees and Speakers receive complimentary or subsidized registration (upon confirmation).

## 8th NYC | 2024 Speakers



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### **About Green Mentors**

**Green Mentors** is a pioneering global organization reshaping education by **embedding sustainability at its core**. Established in **2017 in Ahmedabad, India, and 2024 in New York, United States**, it is leading a transformative movement to cultivate a worldwide ethos of **environmental consciousness, climate literacy, and regenerative thinking** within educational institutions.

Operating in over **45 countries and territories**, Green Mentors has successfully converted more than **8,000 schools and universities** into certified **Green Schools and Green Universities**—learning environments that model sustainable leadership, eco-literate teaching, and whole-institution transformation.



As the only educational accrediting body with Special Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC), Green Mentors is proud to serve as a founding member of UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership and Greenign Higher Education Partner of the UNESCO IESALC, working at the highest levels to align global education with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our global credibility is further affirmed by active memberships in the

- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)

Through strategic alliances with ministries of education, local governments, multilateral institutions, climate investors, youth networks, and civil society, Green Mentors deliver programs and platforms that empower learners, equip educators, and transform systems.

#### **Our Work Includes**

- Designing and scaling green curriculum frameworks
- Supporting climate-smart school operations and governance
- Hosting the annual NYC Green School Conference, a global forum on sustainable education
- Leading the Global Green Awards, recognizing excellence across the green education movement
- Providing certification and mentorship for institutions pursuing sustainability transformation

#### **Vision**

A world where **every school is a green school**, and every learner is a **steward of the Earth**.



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