

Planet Earth Arts was founded in 2014 out of our conviction that environmental and racial/social justice are the most urgent issues of our time. That same year we launched the **Planet Earth Arts New Play Festival**, in collaboration with PlayGround and the National Center for New Plays at Stanford, to inspire playwrights to create bold new works for the stage that explore issues of planetary sustainability as well as environmental and social justice.

Grief and Hope for Planet Earth
February 23, 2023 Presentation to PlayGround Playwrights
Suggested Reading & Viewing

‘I feel my heart breaking today’ – a climate scientist’s path through grief towards hope

<https://theconversation.com/friday-essay-i-feel-my-heart-breaking-today-a-climate-scientists-path-through-grief-towards-hope-188589>

Climate grief: How we mourn a changing planet

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200402-climate-grief-mourning-loss-due-to-climate-change>

Finally, good news that inspires some hope for climate change

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/13/opinions/ozone-layer-hope-for-climate-change-lincoln>

Climate Grief Hurts Because It’s Supposed To

We need to stop worrying about giving people hope and start letting people grieve.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/environment/climate-grief-hope/>

**Finding the ‘Believers’ Who Will
Remake a Damaged Earth**



<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/27/books/review/believers-lisa-wells.html>

The disarming case to act right now on climate change



https://www.ted.com/talks/greta_thunberg_the_disarming_case_to_act_right_now_on_climate_change?language=en

Climate Grief and Active Hope

I Heard An Owl

https://carriewcomer.substack.com/p/climate-grief-and-active-hope?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8WC2Y3CS8Y>

We Need Courage, Not Hope, to Face Climate Change

<https://onbeing.org/blog/kate-marvel-we-need-courage-not-hope-to-face-climate-change/>

A Conversation Hosted by Emma Watson at The New York Times Climate Hub



Young climate leaders, including Greta Thunberg, Vanessa Nakate, Malala Yousafzai, Tori Tsui, Viviam Villafaña, Daphne Frias, Mya-Rose Craig, Dominique Palmer and Emma Watson, gathered from around the globe for a surprise session at The New York Times Climate Hub. In this session, guest hosted by Ms. Watson, the speakers discussed the need for collective, coalition-led leadership to accomplish the intersectional thinking that the climate challenge requires.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98MMdp2QIk4>

Climate scientists feel weight of world on their shoulders

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-10-31/climate-scientists-feel-weight-of-world-on-their-shoulders/7972452>

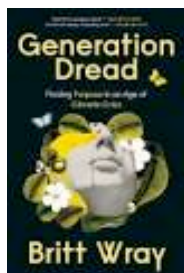
VOICES

Ecological Grief and Hope in a Changing World

<https://www.childrenandnature.org/resources/ecological-grief-and-hope-in-a-changing-world/>

Stanford's Britt Wray on the intersection of climate change and mental health

Planetary Health Postdoctoral Fellow Britt Wray discusses her recently published book about dealing with climate anxiety and her own path to finding purpose in a chaotic time.



<https://news.stanford.edu/2022/05/03/climate-grief-researcher-britt-wray-discusses-new-book/>

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Grief and Hope in a Changing Climate

By Lisa Herron, MCP, MPH

<https://climateforhealth.org/grief-and-hope-in-a-changing-climate/>

A VISION

If we will have the wisdom to survive,
to stand like slow growing trees on a
ruined place, renewing, enriching it...
then a long time after we are dead the
lives our lives prepare will live here, their
houses strongly placed upon the valley
sides... The river will run
clear, as we will never know it...
On the steeps where greed and
ignorance cut down
the old forest, an old forest will stand,
its rich leaf-fall drifting on its roots. The
veins of forgotten springs will have
opened. Families will be singing in the
fields...Memory, native to this valley, will
spread over it like a grove, and memory
will grow into legend, legend into song,
song into sacrament. The abundance of
this place, the songs of its people and its
birds, will be health and wisdom and
indwelling light. This is no paradisaal
dream. Its hardship is its reality.

- Wendell Berry

A SMALL NEEDFUL FACT

Is that Eric Garner worked
for some time for the Parks and Rec.
Horticultural Department, which means
perhaps, that with his very large hands,
perhaps, in all likelihood,,
he put gently into the earth
some plants which, most likely
some of them, in all likelihood,
continue to grow, continue
to do what such plants do, like house
and feed small and necessary creatures,
like being pleasant to touch and smell,
like converting sunlight
into food, like making it easier
for us to breathe.

- Ross Gay

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American Environmental Justice Activists

<https://www.mothersoutfront.org/people/latisha-harris/>

<https://www.daphnefrias.com>

<https://hiphopcaucus.org/team/rev-lennox-yearwood-jr-president-and-ceo/>

<https://www.robinwallkimmerer.com>

<https://www.ayanaelizabeth.com>

<https://www.uprose.org/elizabeth-yeampierre>

<https://www.youthvsapocalypse.org/aniya-butler>

***“You cannot have climate justice without racial justice.
It isn’t justice if it doesn’t include everyone.”***

– Vanessa Nakate, Climate Activist