

## INTERVIEW WITH THE FOUNDER OF TEN DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION



**9.20.2013** - There are so many events already underway for Climate Week NYC 2013, and one (or ten) that we're really excited about is, you guessed it: Ten Days of Climate Action, organized by the Human Impacts Institute. Each day of the event, from **September 20 to 29**, will feature a unique installation set in a public space and designed to engage the audience on climate change in a creative way. We caught up with **Tara DePorte, Executive Director and Founder, The Human Impacts Institute** to find out more.

## **#CWNYC: What's your most important message for this fantastic set of events?**

**Tara:** Ten Days of Climate Action is an initiative of the Human Impacts Institute to bring together creative minds--artists, writers, actors, filmmakers, musicians and performers--to install climate-inspired public works throughout New York City and the globe. In an effort to inspire people to think more critically about our actions and their impacts, Ten Days of Climate Action uses creativity to broaden the climate conversation, inspire action, and to combine art and education with diverse climate themes.

## Who is taking part?

All of our events are free and open-to-the-public. By bringing climate education and arts to the public, instead of bringing the public to us, we are able to engage passers-by of all walks of life, interests, experiences and backgrounds. At past events, we have had everyone from young children to Ambassadors to first-time visitors to NYC.

## Why did you decide to join the Climate Week NYC 2013?

This is our third year partnering with Climate Week NYC and our goal is to provide creative, free and open events that can compliment the high-level meetings on climate and other issues of environment, development and human dignity during the General Assembly at the United Nations and Climate Week. It's a time when many international leaders are in NYC and is a time when we can showcase the creative and innovative approaches to addressing one of the most pressing issues of our times - climate change - in ways that inspire diverse audiences to take action.

