



## Campaign History

### 2012

**November 16:** [Do the Math Tour](#) at Manhattan Center, Hammerstein Ballroom; over 100 NYU students attend (just a couple of weeks after Superstorm Sandy on October 29)

**November 24:** NYU undergrad Sophie Lasoff (Gallatin '15) sets up a divestment campaign on behalf of NYU on 350.org's [Go Fossil Free website](#)

**November 28:** NYU students and faculty attend a meeting on divestment arranged by Barnard Columbia Divest at Columbia University (note: 350.org organizer K.C. Alvey was instrumental in linking people up here)

**December 9:** [NYU Divest: Go Fossil Free](#) has our first weekly meeting at the Puck Building

**December 10:** NYU students and faculty attend NYC-wide "Divest Coalition" organizing meeting sponsored by 350 NYC at Columbia University

### 2013

**February 3:** NYU Divest teach-in and strategy session

organized by NYU Sociology Ph.D. student Daniel Cohen, who also presented on experience with GSOC-UAW

Andrew Ross (NYU School of Social and Cultural Analysis and activist)

Caitlin MacLaren (NYU undergrad with Students for Economic Justice and NYU Student Labor Action Movement)



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Glen Pine (NYU Ph.D. student and with Students for Justice in Palestine)

**February 5:** NYU Divest organizes [“Divesting from Fossil Fuels: A Conversation with Bill McKibben and NYC Students”](#) held at Cooper Union Great Hall. Over 500 people attend. 275 tune in on livestream.

Kevin Fitzgerald Burke, music

NYU student hosts Terri Burns and Brandon Sherman

[Student panelists:](#) Belinda Rodriguez (CAS '12), Hannah Milnes (Barnard Columbia '16), Joe Shortsleeve (Barnard Columbia), Jens Astrup (New School), Essie Lenchner (Hunter College)

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**February 14:** NYU Divest delivers a [Valentines’s Day message](#) to President Sexton

**February 17:** Several [NYU Divest members](#) join [“Forward On Climate Rally”](#) in Washington, D.C.

**February 22-24:** Student Ben Hammar (CAS '13) represents NYU Divest at [Power Up! Divest Fossil Fuels Convergence](#) at Swarthmore

**February 27:** Letter #1 sent to President Sexton opening the divestment conversation; response from EVP Michael Alfano agreeing to set up meeting at President Sexton’s behest



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**March 4:** Divestment campaigns across the country hosted [March Fo\[u\]rth events](#). NYU Divest hosts successful [tabling session](#), asking people to share their Sandy experiences and reflect on climate change

**April 15:** NYU Divest organizes another successful tabling event

**April 17:** [Meeting with NYU administrators](#), while NYU Divest members hold supportive action outside

Attending the meeting: EVP Michael Alfano; Assistant VP Sustainability, Energy and Technical Services John Bradley; Ozgem Ornektekin, Director of Sustainability; EVP Operations Alison Leary; EVP Finance and Information Technology Martin Dorph; and NYU Divest members, Sophie Lasoff, Ben Hammar, Costanza Maio, Steven Ravosky (CAS '12), Julianne Warren (faculty, LS/GLS)

Organizing action: Belinda Rodriguez (CAS '12) and Melanie Nakashian Sluyter

**April 21:** Opening screening of [Do the Math movie](#). On post-film panel: NYU Divest member Sophie Lasoff, Dr. James Hansen, Barnard Columbia Divest member Hannah Milnes, and 350.org co-founder & organizer Phil Aroneau

**May 11:** NYU Divest holds a relaxed end-of-semester event titled "[Listen, We Need to Chalk](#)" at [Washington Square Park](#)

**May - August:** Summer strategy sessions in person and over google hangout



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## A Running List of NYU Divest members:

(attended two or more meetings thus far)

Sophie Lasoff (Gallatin '15)  
Belinda Rodriguez (CAS '12)  
Julianne Warren (faculty, LS/GLS)  
Ben Hammar (CAS '13)  
Steven Ravosky (CAS '12)  
Duncan Meisel (Gallatin '09)  
Melanie Nakashian Sluyter (Gallatin '14)  
Alyssa Evans (Gallatin '15)  
Daniel Cohen (NYU Sociology Ph.D. forthcoming)  
Costanza Maio (Global Liberal Studies '15)  
Catherine Skopic (NYU '71)  
Jack Baldwin (NYC-based freelance journalist)  
Diana Mincyte (faculty, Center for European & Mediterranean Studies)  
Gregg Badichek (CAS '12)  
Anna Dvorak (CAS '11)  
Sarah Scott (NYU Poly '15)  
Maeve Purcell (CAS '15)  
Mike Sandmel (Gallatin '12)  
Lucie Xiong  
Lisa DiCaprio (faculty, School of Continuing and Professional Studies)  
Nora Groubard  
Michael Leone  
Anastasia Hang