

Data Dialogues Show Notes

Season One, Episode Four

Climate change is a disabling event with Daphne Frias

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Alt Text: Photo of Daphne Frias with the text, "Daphne Frias in conversation with Angela Eaton." Data Dialogues and the starburst logo for Open Environmental Data Project are at the top of the page.

Image description: Daphne Frias' photo sits in the lower left of the image. Daphne is laughing and enjoying herself. She is sitting in a wheelchair and appears as a young light-skinned Latina woman wearing light colored tortoiseshell cat eye sunglasses and a tan blazer over a dark colored knit sweater. Her dark textured hair is pulled into two topknot buns on either side of her face. The words "Daphne Frias in conversation with Angela Eaton" and "Data Dialogues" appear with the starburst logo for Open Environmental Data Project.

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Climate change is a disabling event

Disabled youth climate activist Daphne Frias has a lot to say about gatekeeping in the environmental movement. From the lack of information in Spanish to disabled communities' inability to access data about themselves, Daphne and Angela discuss (in English) the importance of personal stories in bringing solutions to our problems.

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Image Description: Close up of Daphne's face. Her head is tilted and she is smiling warmly. Daphne's hair is pulled back and she is wearing cat eye glasses and a heart patterned collared shirt.

Daphne Frias (she/her) is a 23 year old disabled youth organizer working on the intersections of gun violence prevention, the climate crisis, and disability justice. In 2019, Daphne was the official spokesperson for the Youth Climate Strikes. She's passionate about uplifting the voice of Gen Z in all areas of justice work.

[Daphne's Website](#)

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Quote from Data Dialogues Episode 4 - Climate change is a disabling event

“Something that’s really powerful about communities like mine is that there isn’t a sense of individualism; we’re here for everyone together, and we have to continue to work as a community in order for all of us to succeed.”

Daphne Frias

In the previous quote, the phrases “there isn’t a sense of individualism” and “in order for all of us to succeed” are highlighted.

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“What’s your favorite place outdoors?”

Thinking about environmental data beyond numbers on a screen

Daphne’s answer: Riverside Park, Manhattan, NY

Image description: two wide, paved, tree-lined paths with long benches and old light posts extend into the distance. Autumn leaves cover the grassy areas between the two paths.

[Riverside Park Conservancy](#)

Riverside Park Conservancy [Grassroots Volunteer Program](#)

Photo Credit: Teri Tynes, [Walking Off the Big Apple](#)

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“I think in Latinx and Hispanic communities, we are living in multiple jeopardy situations, similar to disabled folks. How are you going to bring the issue of the climate crisis to a community who doesn’t know where their next meal is gonna come from?”

Daphne Frias

In the previous quote, the phrases “multiple jeopardy situations,” and “who doesn’t know where their next meal is gonna come from” are highlighted.

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Quote from Data Dialogues Episode 4 - Climate change is a disabling event

“The climate crisis is a disabling event, and not only disables new people, but is continuously disabling for people who are already disabled”

Daphne Frias

In the previous quote, the phrases “disables new people,” and “continuously disabling” are highlighted.

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Additional Reading and Resources

University of Arizona, Center for Climate Adaptation Science & Solutions: [Spanish Language Resources](#)

Climate Cardinals: [Translated Documents Around Climate Action](#)

Kate Yoder for Grist: [During wildfires and hurricanes, a language gap can be deadly](#)

Tatsuya Amano, Juan P. González-Varo and William J. Sutherland for PLoS Biology: [Languages Are Still a Major Barrier to Global Science.](#)

Maria Santiago-Valentin and Patty Cronheim for NJ.com: [Barriers keep Hispanics from becoming involved with environmental causes | Opinion](#)

WEACT For Environmental Justice: [About Us](#)

Autistic Self-Advocacy Network: [Identity-First Language](#)

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Additional Reading and Resources continued

New York City Council's [Urban Agriculture Policy Bill](#)

GrowNYC: [Manhattan Community Gardens](#)

Harlem Grown: [Urban Farming in New York City](#)

UN Environment Programme: [How climate change disproportionately impacts those with disabilities](#)

Valerie Novack and Daphne Frias for Stanford Social Innovation Review: [Climate Change, Environmental Activism, and Disability](#)

Cara Schulte for Human Rights Watch: [People with Disabilities Needed in Fight Against Climate Change](#)

NPR: [Imani Barbarin and Judy Huemann in Conversation about the ADA](#)

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“We have to turn data into something that moves people—that when they see those numbers, behind every single percentage, behind every single number, there are people, there are bodies, there are stories.”

Daphne Frias

In the previous quote, the phrase “something that moves people” and the words “people,” “bodies,” and “stories” are highlighted.

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In this Data Dialogue

Episode 4. Climate change is a disabling event
with Daphne Frias

Episode 5. Interdependence for environmental justice design
with Jarah Moesch

Episode 6. Averaged out data equals averaged out people
With Daphne Frias and Jarah Moesch