



Climate Action: Tackling the Climate Crisis for a Better World

This course is designed to be completed over four weeks. However, you can progress at your own pace, as you will still have access to the course beyond the four-week period.

Week 1: Crisis, injustice, hope and agency

Welcome

- Welcome to the course
- Introduction to the climate crisis

Activity 1: Introducing the climate crisis: how we threaten or secure the liveability of the planet

- Why care?
- Reasons to act: averting the looming catastrophe
- Reasons to act: a better world is possible (Your vision of a better future 1)
- Fighting for the future you want

Activity 2: Understanding the issue: the climate story so far

- Inequality and climate (in)justice 1
- Inequality and climate (in)justice 2
- (Lack of) action to date
- What drives emissions?
- Vested interests 1: denial, doubt and delay
- Vested interests 2: lobbying, state capture, and role of the media
- A systemic issue

- Shaping the climate debate on social media

Activity 3: Action and agency: what you can do to help tackle the climate crisis

- Why take action?
- What actions you can take – overview
- Real-world change-makers in portrait
- Exploring actions and roles that inspire you

Activity 4: Change is possible – how change happens and what we can learn from it

- Change is possible
- The power of social contagion
- The power of imagination and longing
- The power of stories and framings
- Create your story of change to spark change

Summary

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- Glossary

Week 2: Changes needed and what you can do

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Activity 1: Changes needed to avert climate breakdown and improve our lives

- Impacts and implications to consider when tackling the climate crisis
- The pace of emission reduction
- Main sources of emissions
- Levers for reducing emissions
- Understanding and reducing your personal carbon footprint

Activity 2: Changes needed in transport and how we travel

- What changes are needed in transport and travel?
- Your commute and travel and how it could be different
- What you can do: campaigns and alternatives

Activity 3: Changes needed in food, farming and forestry

- What changes are needed in food, farming and forestry?
- Making a difference through what we eat
- What you can do to bring about change in food, farming and forestry

Activity 4: Changes needed in buildings and households

- What changes are needed in buildings and households?
- What you can do to bring about change in buildings and households

Activity 5: Changes needed in the energy sector

- Changes needed in the energy sector

- What you can do to bring about changes in the energy sector

Activity 6: Changes needed in business, organisations, work and education

- Changes needed in business, organisations, work and education
- Examples of actions
- An action plan for your company, organisation, school or university

Activity 7: Envisioning a desirable future version of your town/city

- Your vision of a better future 2

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Week 3: Communication and advocacy: promoting the right messages and policies

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Activity 1: How to communicate about the climate crisis

- How to talk about the climate crisis
- Using the right framing to mobilise people into effective action
- Addressing mental barriers
- Communicating through arts

Activity 2: Hotspots and hot debates of climate policy

- Examples of misleading climate discourses
- Will technology save us?
- Can economic growth be green?
- Safe and just transition
- (How) can we afford climate mitigation measures?
- Express your views: sound vs. false climate solutions
- Contributing to wide-ranging policy changes
- Your vision for a better future 3

Activity 3: Tackling misleading claims or discourses that delay serious climate action

- Navigating the messy terrain of climate discourse
- Exploring delay discourses
- Identifying delay discourses
- Express your views: respond to the opinion piece

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Week 4: Vision, imagination, action, and commitment

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Activity 1: Longing, imagination, and vision as mobilisers for change

- Visions of a better future
- 'What if' questions
- Your vision of a better future 4: Bringing it all together

Activity 2: From visions of the future to stories of change

- Imagining how a better future will come about
- Backcasting the future
- Turning backwards forwards: your story of change
- What's your role in your story of change?

Activity 3: Your personal climate action compass and action plan

- Why take action?
- Your Personal Action Compass (PAC)
- PAC dimension 1: which changes, which actions?
- PAC dimension 2: what groups and campaigns already exist?
- PAC dimension 3: what makes it fun and feasible for you?
- Your personal action plan and pledge

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- Reflection: top 5 takeaways