

Why do we bother?

GROUP ACTIVITY

People have many different motives and values which might lead them to act on climate change, from a love of nature to the hope of business opportunities. A number of possible motives and values are listed below.

- Read through the list.
- Are any of the statements similar to your own views? Tick them if they are. Change the wording if you wish to bring a statement closer to your exact view.

- Then write a short statement of your own about the motives or values that lead you to be concerned about climate change.
- Talk to someone else for a few minutes about the statement you have written and how you feel about the other items on the list.

1. All living things are equal and have a right to life – we have to stop our destruction of other creatures' lives and habitats.....
2. Nature is a living force that we should respect – if we don't we'll suffer the consequences
3. Nature is amazing. It fills me with awe and wonder. I want to respect and protect that.....
4. According to my faith, we have a responsibility to care for the natural world
5. I want to leave the world in a good state for future generations
6. Everyone on the planet should have a fair share of natural resources like water, oil, land and minerals
7. I want to see justice for communities that are suffering the effects of climate change, through no fault of their own
8. We've exploited the rest of the world for 200 years – it's payback time
9. It's in our own interests to look after the natural world.....
10. We need to protect our community, our country and ourselves
11. I can see green business opportunities
12. I love a challenge.....
13. I feel guilty about my own good fortune.....
14. I couldn't sleep at night if I didn't act.....
15. I'm worried about the future for my children and grandchildren
16. Your own view
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