



Westminster Citizens' Climate Assembly

General Information Pack

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Participants will be introduced to the process of a Citizens' Climate Assembly, hear from Westminster City Council about the work already underway to tackle the climate emergency so far, and then hear from a variety of experts who will speak to the barriers to delivering climate action through the lenses of 'My Westminster', 'My Community' and 'My Home'.

Purpose of the session:



1. To ensure participants are comfortable and understand what's expected of them
2. To outline the assembly process and understand why it has been established
3. To set the context on climate change and the wider challenges it presents
4. To understand Westminster's context and the work the Council has already started
5. To set out some of the main barriers that need to be navigated to deliver on our net zero goals.

Agenda

Item	Detail
<i>Registration & Breakfast (9:15am)</i>	
Welcome (10:00am)	Welcome to the Assembly
Introduction to the process	Getting to know each other Decision making and working together
<i>Morning Break</i>	
Plenary	Introduction to climate change and setting the scene in Westminster
Speaker Q&A panel	Opportunity for follow-up questions from the room
<i>Lunch</i>	
Speaker carousel	A series of round-table discussions to explore some of the barriers to delivering climate action in Westminster
<i>Afternoon break</i>	
Table discussion and plenary	Identifying the barriers to climate action, underlying causes, and connections
Close (4:30pm)	Wrap-up of Day 1 and close






Day 1 Speakers

Speaker	Bio
 <p data-bbox="185 678 448 869"> Cllr Matt Noble <i>Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Regeneration and Renters</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="491 517 1426 707"> Matt Noble is the Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Regeneration and Renters for Westminster City Council and has represented the Church Street ward since 2018. He previously held the position of Shadow Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property and now works for a software company, alongside his Council work. </p>
 <p data-bbox="165 1227 467 1417"> Professor Dibyesh Anand <i>Head of School – Social Sciences, University of Westminster</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="491 909 1445 1406"> Professor Dibyesh Anand is the Head of the School of Social Sciences at the University of Westminster. A professor of international relations, he is the author of monographs "Geopolitical Exotica: Tibet in Western Imagination" and "Hindu Nationalism in India and the Politics of Fear" and has spoken about, and published extensively on, varied topics including postcolonial politics and international relations, Tibet, China-India border dispute, Hindu nationalism, and Islamophobia. He is the Co-Chair of Westminster's ED Committee and IBME Network and identifies as queer in personal and political terms. He is also the chair of London Higher's EDI Network and International Studies Association's LGBTQA Caucus. Dibyesh is passionate about challenging the divide between academia and activism and believes in embedding equality, diversity, and inclusion in every aspect of life. He is on twitter @dibyeshnand </p>
 <p data-bbox="185 1827 448 2018"> Dr Robin Lamboll <i>Research Associate, Grantham Institute, Imperial College London</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="491 1559 1434 1861"> Dr Robin Lamboll is a postdoctoral researcher at Imperial College. Robin has a PhD in the physics of solar cells from Cambridge and worked as a quantitative consultant before returning to academia. Robin now applies data science techniques to analyse human emissions and their climate impact, with contributions included in multiple IPCC and UNEP reports. Recent work includes calculating remaining carbon budgets corresponding to the Paris Agreement warming targets and analysing the warming implied by government emissions targets. </p>





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 <p data-bbox="193 607 413 797"> Dr Amy Jones <i>Director of Environment, Westminster City Council</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="464 376 1445 678"> Dr Amy Jones is the Director for Environment at Westminster City Council. Her portfolio includes the Climate Emergency Programme, with strong links into wider environmental sustainability activity across the Council, as well as delivering the City's Waste and Cleansing Service. Before joining the Council, she worked in education, energy efficiency & emissions trading. She also held a role in UN Climate negotiations for central government which had a specific focus on reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries. </p>
 <p data-bbox="188 1211 418 1328"> Sara Edmonds <i>Director at Studio seARCH</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="464 819 1430 1088"> Sara Edmonds is an architect and activist, co-founder Home Energy Action Lab (HEAL), a framework test bed for community based domestic retrofit services. She is director of Studio seARCH, a consultancy that advocates for systemic change around low carbon domestic retrofit. She is also Head of Citizen Engagement at Built Environment- Smarter Transformation in the retrofit team and will soon take up the role of co-director of the National Retrofit Hub. </p> <p data-bbox="464 1095 1442 1397"> For the last 3 years she has been a coordinator at the Architects Climate Action Network, an organisation formed to empower individuals within architecture and related built environment professions taking action to address the twin crises of climate and ecological breakdown. Working in the face of a climate emergency, the focus of Sara's work is to drive essential change in the built environment and wider communities through connecting bottom up, grassroots projects and top-down strategies and initiatives. Collaboration is a fundamental part of this work. </p>
 <p data-bbox="172 1744 434 2022"> Dr Mark Smithies <i>Member of Westminster Health Streets and Westminster Volunteer for London Cycling Campaign</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="464 1570 1437 1872"> I am a recently retired NHS Consultant whose working life has been dedicated to the care of the critically ill in Intensive Care. I have seen the devastating consequences of avoidable road deaths and serious injury, and the increasingly negative impacts of climate change and sedentary lifestyles on our health and well-being. The climate emergency is a threat not just to our lives but the whole planet. It is also an opportunity for positive change to improve not only the planet's health but our own through systemic changes in our streets and neighbourhoods. </p>



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 <p data-bbox="220 672 459 828"> Beatrice Liese <i>Senior Community Projects Officer, Groundwork</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="534 353 1449 739"> Beatrice Liese is a charity worker and environmental advocate. She holds a master's degree in environmental policy & Regulation from the London School of Economics. Her experience spans working as a facilitator on environmental education, advocating on human rights-based approaches to climate policy at the UN climate negotiations and supporting community education and empowerment at the grassroots level. At Groundwork London, Beatrice works on the management and delivery of community projects across London, which range from education on air pollution in North London to a community food growing project in Hackney. </p>
 <p data-bbox="210 1270 470 1348"> Inge Lyngborg <i>Clean Air Bayswater</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="534 940 1444 1288"> Inge has lived in London for 30 years and brought up a family here. She holds experience working in telecommunications. However, is increasingly involved in local community projects specifically aimed at improving health, well-being, and the environment by addressing major sources of noise, CO2, and air pollution, and increasing biodiversity in Westminster. Inge is the Co-Founder of Clean Air Bayswater, a community group that aims to raise awareness of actions we can all take to reduce our exposure to air pollution and reduce our own emissions. </p>
 <p data-bbox="204 1821 470 1937"> Jonathan Rosenberg <i>North Paddington Resident</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="534 1400 1449 2049"> Jonathan is a North Paddington resident of 45 years, a densely populated area suffering multiple deprivation and bad housing conditions. From 1985, Jonathan led the campaign by WALTERTON and ELGIN Estate residents to save their homes as their landlord, Westminster Council had declared it wanted to create a new community by selling their homes to developers for demolition. Residents voted to transfer their estates into community ownership and began the work of improving their housing from 1992. WALTERTON & ELGIN Community Homes (WECH) is a registered housing association, which owns 685 homes in the heart of Harrow Road Ward. WECH completed its first retrofit of a Victorian house in July 1993. More recently, WECH installed 415 solar panels as part of its development on the Elgin Estate. Jonathan has worked for the Housing Corporation, for the Mayor of London and to support tenants elsewhere to defend their homes. He is now working with the Council and other housing associations to improve the huge stock of social homes in Victorian housing across North Paddington and to reduce residents' fuel bills. </p>



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 <p data-bbox="185 701 494 819"> Josie Evetts <i>Project Manager, Parity Projects</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="536 450 1442 636"> Josie has worked in the environment sector for over 17 years. She has been with Parity Projects since 2019, project managing initiatives to build supply and demand for domestic retrofit, including the set-up of Ecofurb, a service for homeowners in London. Before that she worked in the charity sector at Green Alliance, and before that EcoLocal. </p>
 <p data-bbox="185 1207 494 1279"> Warren Hatter <i>Behavioural Practitioner</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="536 931 1442 1196"> Warren Hatter helps local councils make services and communications more human, using insights from behavioural science, having won the Grand Prix at the UK's first Nudge Awards for his work with Ealing Council on reducing homelessness. Before this, he ran a sustainability charity and worked with councils to find ways to reduce their area's carbon footprint. He is from Hastings and lives in Brighton, but only swims in the sea when the temperature hits 17°C. </p>



