

# How to Run a Community Climate Circle

## A Suggested Timetable

7pm is just a suggested start time, to show the use of 90 minutes

### 7:05 Welcome

Overview of our Community Climate Circles purpose. Mostly discussion, share useful information.

### 7:10 Social Circle

You (the Connector) go first, then invite each person to share. One minute each, 10 people = 10 minutes. Importance of role-modeling the personal introduction. Then invite someone to go next. Keep a close eye on the time.

- (a) Name, where you live, who's in your household?
- (b) On a scale of 0-10, what level of concern do you have about the climate crisis? Keep a note of people's scores.

### 7:20 Summary of the Climate Emergency.

- We urgently need to reduce our climate pollution if we want to give our children and grandchildren a chance at the kind of life we have today, when they are grown. (Share [map of world at 4 degrees warmer](#)).
- Vancouver's climate action video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WQYKkbdhCM>
- [Poll data from July 2019](#):
  - 82% rated climate change as an extremely serious or serious problem
  - 42% believed it was already an emergency
  - 20% believed it would become an emergency in the next few years.
- It's easy to feel overwhelmed. Personal sharing as to why you are motivated to organize this Community Climate Circle.

### 7:30 Our household climate pollution comes from just three sources

- (a) Burning oil to drive our vehicles, and to power airplane flights
- (b) Using oil, gas or wood to heat our homes
- (c) The food we eat (meat and dairy) and the food we waste.
- (d) The stuff we buy

This means there are four ways to reduce or eliminate our household climate pollution.

- (a) Switch to an electric vehicle, a more fuel-efficient car, and/or more use of transit, walking and biking. Take fewer flights. Electric Vehicles Info Sheet:  
<https://communityclimateconnectors.ca/2021/02/23/do-you-wonder-about-switching-to-an-electric-vehicle/>
- (b) Install a heat pump to replace an oil, gas or wood heater: or write to your landlord or condo strata council, to get the process moving. Home Energy Info Sheet:  
<https://communityclimateconnectors.ca/2021/03/24/your-home/>

(c) Eat less meat (especially beef) and dairy, and throw away less food. Food Impacts Info Sheet: <https://communityclimateconnectors.ca/2021/03/10/our-food-choices/>

**7:50 Go-around to share steps** that participants may have already taken to reduce their climate pollution, or changes they are thinking about making, or would like to learn more about. 10 x 2 minutes each = 20 minutes

**8:10 Questions and discussion. What would enable you to make these changes?**  
What support might you want?

**Digital Participants Survey** to circulate after we finish. Explain why. Guarantee that people's emails will be kept private. Share your email, and invite people to send responses. All responses will be anonymized.

**8:25 Shall we meet again,** to share our progress? How soon suits people?

**8:30 End**

**Post-Circle Survey** for you to fill in as the Climate Connector.