

Participant Agreement - Make COP26 Count Programme

Background

As Hope for the Future, , Christians for Creation Care and Christian Concern for One World, we are excited to be able to offer this programme. This participant agreement form aims to give a comprehensive understanding of what is involved in participating, and to ensure expectations are clear between all parties to facilitate the most positive experience possible.

Our hope is that participant churches will reach COP26 with a real sense of achievement and ownership having acted to raise national and international ambition for climate justice.

Participants will benefit from dedicated support provided by Hope for the Future, Christians for Creation Care and Christian Concern for One World

- For spiritual action
 - Monthly virtual meet-ups with other participants and global partners *AND*
 - Participant platform to share knowledge, but also to communicate and pray *AND*
 - Resources and guidance to host a [Climate Sunday](#) event
- For their chosen practical action e.g.
 - Working towards Eco Church accreditation (or a similar scheme) *OR*
 - Using energy footprint tools to completing an Energy Audit of your church and create a plan to reduce emissions to Net Zero by 2030 *OR*
 - Run an energy switch day event (moving energy providers to renewable energy)
- For their chosen political action e.g.
 - Meeting your MP
 - A tailored lobbying strategy with lots of specific information about your MP and their position on climate change, prepared by Hope for the Future's experienced researchers
 - Support to contact your MP's office and arrange an online meeting
 - Training with Hope for the Future on getting the best from MP meetings when you want to talk about climate change
 - Holding a virtual panel event with your MP
 - Holding an MP school workshop

What we ask of participants is that they:

- Be prepared to learn
- Be prepared to attend
 - Monthly virtual meet-ups
 - Two interactive political training sessions run by Hope for the Future
 - A meeting with your MP
- Be prepared to contribute
 - By being an active user of the participant platform

- By being the point of contact between this programme and your wider church or Christian community
- By hosting a Climate Sunday event
- By choosing and implementing one of the suggested practical actions new to them
- By being responsible for organising actions e.g. after the political training you will need to send the meeting request letter which is prepared, and work with Hope for the Future and representatives from your church to plan an agenda for the MP meeting
- To feedback surveys during the project so that we can learn from and improve this programme
- To sharing stories from the programme with Hope for the Future so that can be used in outreach work

Practical Arrangements

We want this programme to be a genuine shared experience across churches, while also providing the support to those leading within their own congregations and taking on some of the additional preparatory work.

To this end we ask for a lead contact with primary responsibility for the above, as well as the names of 2 or 3 additional named people from within the church congregation or community who can confirm they understand what their church partaking in this programme entails, and who agree to assist and accompany the lead contact in taking action.

We ask that at least one person named is part of the formal leadership team within the church, and strongly encourage the involvement of young people.

The lead contact will be expected to attend the monthly meet-ups, other named contacts are also very welcome to attend.

Key Dates:

Regular Zoom Calls 2021

Monday 26th April

Monday 17th May

Monday 7th June

Monday 28th June

Monday 19th July

Monday 13th September

Additional Dates

Monday 24th May- Political Session 1,
11am and 7.30pm

Monday 14th June- Political Session 2,
11am and 4.30pm

Participant Agreement Form: Deadline 19 April
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Name of Church:					
Address of Church:					
Practical Action:					
Political Action:					
Contact	Name	Email	Mobile/ Telephone	Role within church (if applicable)	Permission to contact by email (Y/N)
Lead Contact					
Church Leader					
Additional Contact					
Additional Contact (optional)					
<p>Please tell us which church contacts would like to be part of the platforms All contacts will be sent details of the zoom monthly calls by email by default and be given access to the Google Drive at the beginning of the programme</p>					
WhatsApp group: Key information and prayer requests					
Microsoft Teams: For wider sharing of information, asking questions and holding conversations with other participants					

Data Protection

Hope for the Future, Christians for Creation Care and Christian Concern for One World will use the details of Contacts that you provide above to manage your Church's participation in the programme. This will involve contact either by email or phone. When Hope for the Future Christians for Creation Care and Christian Concern for One World make resources available by post, postal addresses will be collected and used for this purpose.