

Community Philosophy and the Climate Crisis

Ethos and Aims

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This group is open to anyone in philosophy and education who wishes to use their professional skills, platform and networks to address the climate and ecological emergency in whatever way they see fit. This is an open group and members are encouraged to invite additional members who might share our aims.

In joining the group, we agree to work in a mutually supportive, experimental and non-authoritarian fashion sharing news of our efforts when we believe this will encourage or equip others to initiate similar work in their context.

All the ideas and materials that are shared freely here, are done so with confidence that colleagues will only use them to encourage accessible public philosophical enquiry that addresses environmental concerns and not for their own commercial gain. The original authors of work shared should be acknowledged where appropriate.

Debate about the purpose, value and approaches of groups like this is sometimes necessary and therefore welcome here. However, where possible, we intend to maintain focus on the ways that we can use our philosophical practice to enable the communities with whom we work, our colleagues and ourselves to:

(1) Use the truth about the climate and ecological emergency as a springboard for investigating values and other relevant philosophical issues.

(2) Take action guided by our strengthened values and enriched understanding

(3) Participate in democratic conversations with friends, peers, neighbours and fellow citizens so that our careful thinking can translate into social and political change.

These aims track those of Extinction Rebellion however membership of this group does not require membership of, or affiliation with, XR or any activist, political or professional group.

Welcome.

Now let's get on with it.