

Talking Climate Justice Tour

DIY kit



Our challenge

Every single person in your church and your community has ideas, insights and dreams. When we make space to share and listen to one another, we can create some of the most powerful changes we can imagine. In times of challenge, that's exactly what we need.

Right now, we face one of our biggest challenges in history – **the climate crisis**. Driving and exacerbating global poverty and threatening God's creation, this is a challenge that needs all of us to come together.

The next decade is critical for action on the climate crisis. The cry for climate justice from our sisters and brothers who are most impacted must be heard loud and clear.

The calling of the church to stand with people living in poverty must be answered.

How will you respond?

Our response

The world over, every successful social movement started with conversations – from dismantling apartheid to dropping unjust debt. And we're not just talking chit chat!

- Honest conversations that name the challenges our world faces.
- Conversations that stir our anger and fuel our hope.
- Conversations that give us the space to explore new ideas, dream new dreams and move us to action.

If our churches are going to respond to the climate crisis, these are the kind of conversations we need to have – now.

We want to see thousands of conversations in churches across Britain and Ireland. Imagine the power we can generate as we meet together to get inspired, talk and take action!



Our invitation

We invite you to join the **Talking Climate Justice Tour** in your own church and community. This step-by-step guide will walk you through how to put an event together.

As you talk, we want to listen. We'd love to hear what comes out of your conversations, so we can shape our campaigns around what churches in Britain and Ireland need to make change happen.

Poverty and climate

While our churches have lots of great green climate initiatives, they can often leave out the people most impacted by the climate crisis. We want to ensure that the stories and voices of people living in poverty are central to each event.

This is climate justice.

You'll find resources that accompany this DIY kit to help you do that at [caid.org.uk /tourDIY](https://caid.org.uk/tourDIY)



Step 1

Who's part of the conversation?

To run your own **Talking Climate Justice Tour** event you need to decide who's going to be part of the conversation. Is it your local church congregation, or is it the wider church community in your local area?

Think about who can work with you to host the conversation and bring together a small team to make it happen.

There's no maximum number for how many people can take part in your **Talking Climate Justice Tour** conversation. We'd love as many people to take part as possible – after all, the climate justice movement needs everyone!

Be ambitious and set a target for how many people you're going to get talking.

Step 2

Logistics

As you plan your event, here are some key things to think about:

- When and where will you hold your event? Get your venue booked as soon as you can.
- How many conversations do you want to make happen?
- Running time: we suggest you need a minimum of two hours to run your event, but you can flex this to suit your needs.
- How will you invite people and where will you promote your event so that you get as many conversations happening as possible?
- Most people attend events because someone has directly invited them – how can you make your invites personal?
- When will you start promoting your event? It's always good to get the date in people's diaries well in advance.

Tip!

You could use a hook like:

- Great Big Green Week* in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Climate Fringe week* in Scotland
- or any local green event to help promote your event.

* Both these events take place in September and October.

At these times there will be lots of buzz and activity around climate – the perfect backdrop for your action-packed conversations!



Step 3

Resources for your event

You can find the **Talking Climate Justice Tour** PowerPoint to help guide your event at caid.org.uk/tourDIY

You'll also find links to inspiring content that you might want to use as you build your event.

If you have any questions, contact us on campaigns@christian-aid.org

Step 4

Tell us what happened

We're really excited about your conversations and we'd love to hear about them. Capturing the key points and ideas from your conversations will help you do this.

Go to caid.org.uk/tourfeedback

Fill out the form so we can:

- hear about your conversation
- see how many people took part
- keep you informed on how the conversation's going across Britain and Ireland.

Step 5

Celebrate your conversations and actions

Our conversations for climate justice aren't meant to be kept a secret! Here's some ways that you can share what you've been up to with your church and community:

- Get a slot in your church service to tell everyone what happened at your **Talking Climate Justice Tour** event, and what exciting actions you hope to take forward.
- Use our template press release for your local church press and local newspaper to tell people about the event. Download at caid.org.uk/tourDIY
- Encourage someone who took part to write a short blog to share on your church website about how the conversation motivated them to take action – and share this with us too!

Building blocks

These are the three building blocks that make up a **Talking Climate Justice Tour** event. There's flexibility in each building block to make the event your own.

1 Hope and challenge

2 Reflect and talk

3 Invite and act.

Download the accompanying **Talking Climate Justice Tour** PowerPoint from caid.org.uk/tourDIY – you'll see each slide labelled with the building block it relates to.

1 Hope and challenge



Time suggestion: 25-30 minutes

To have honest conversations about how as the church we'll respond, we need to look directly at the realities of the climate crisis. That can be unnerving, but our faith is powered by the transformational hope of God who walks with us in all things. It's that hope that means we have the courage to call for climate justice.

**'Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread...
because it is the Lord your God who goes with you;
he will not fail you or forsake you'**

(Deuteronomy 31:6)

For this section of your event, use the **Hope and challenge** slides of the PowerPoint to set the scene for your conversations. It's key that we take time to understand the impact of the climate crisis on people living in poverty, and the opportunity the church has in the next decade to call for climate justice.

Idea

Are there people in your community with knowledge and experience of hopeful climate justice action?

For example, someone who's been part of a local or national climate justice campaign or action?

You could invite them to be part of the **Hope and challenge** section of your event. They could share their story, knowledge or some expertise that will help inspire your conversations.



Hope

2 Reflect and talk



Time suggestion: 60 minutes+

You'll have covered some big challenges so far and stirred up some hope, so it's good to give people a bit of time to reflect. You might want to offer a break for five minutes for people to have a think before getting into conversations.



Idea

You can use the 'how do you feel' question in the PowerPoint to help people express their initial reactions in pairs or you may like to offer a short time of prayer.

There are lots of ways to draw out people's ideas, insights and dreams for climate justice. We've provided three key questions which you'll find in the **Reflect and talk** slides of the PowerPoint. We've also included a couple of format ideas for your conversations, but you can be as creative as you like!

However you choose to host your conversation, make sure:

- **Everyone can take part easily** – are there any helpful logistics that will make the conversation accessible to everyone taking part? For example, think about how people will move around the space, if people need the questions in large font etc.
- **Everyone is listened to** – think about having a facilitator in your conversation groups who can make sure everyone gets a chance to speak and be heard.
- **Capture the conversation** – think about how you'll bring together everyone's thoughts on paper. You might want to ask for volunteers to take notes or have ways for people to be able to write down what's coming up in the conversations. The key is making sure what you capture makes sense after the event! This will also help you feedback your conversations to us.

Idea

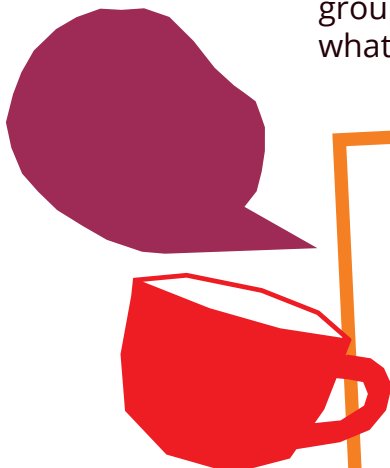
Hosting your conversations

- **Use the Reflect and talk slides in the PowerPoint** which include one question per slide and further prompt questions within the notes.
- **Organise people in small groups with a notetaker** and prompt when you want people to move onto the next question – you could even do this over a shared meal.
- **World Café** – set out one table for each question. Write each question on a large sheet of paper and lay them out on the tables. Divide people into groups and prompt people to move from table to table, and write down what comes up on the paper.

Tip!

We recommend 15 minutes of conversation per question including five minutes to feedback in small groups or plenary.

Making your feedback short and snappy helps keep people engaged. You can ask groups to feedback their key points, rather than everything they discussed!



3 Invite and act



Time suggestion: 30 minutes

Your room has been buzzing with the sound of people grappling with the challenges that lie before us. It's vital that our conversations don't stop here. Now it's time for action. As host, your role is to invite people to take action for climate justice.

The invitation: use the **Invite and act** slides from the PowerPoint to move people from conversation to action.

Take action: this is the opportunity to draw on the ideas, insights and dreams that have come out of your conversations. This will help direct what climate justice actions people can take, now and into the future. In the **Invite and act** slides you will also find some options from us on how churches can take action for climate justice right now.

Idea

Be creative! You could...

designate different parts of the room for different types of action and invite people to go there if they're interested in being part in of it. After 5-10 minutes of discussion each group shares a key action they are going to take together.

Into the next decade: it's now time to celebrate your conversations and commitments to taking action for climate justice. Use the final slides from the **Invite and act** section to encourage, commission and send people out in prayer.

What next?

Lots of ideas and ambition will have come out of your conversations. As you plan your event, think about how you can help to keep people motivated and take some immediate next steps for action.

There might be natural opportunities like running a campaign action as a church or group. Or you could invite people to continue the conversation and plan how you'll take action after the event. Perhaps you want to bring a group of people together for regular action.

Whatever you decide, we can support you with ideas and advice. Visit our campaign pages at caid.org.uk/campaigns or get in touch at campaigns@christian-aid.org

'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds'

(Hebrews 10:24, New International Version.)



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