Elections Action Pack

Upgrade Democracy Time

It’s time to harness the despair and feelings of betrayal, to re-establish democracy and give power and influence back to people.

This pack gives you everything you need in one place to take action to build connections with local people and groups on local issues.

Educate, inform and engage them in Community Assemblies and deliberative democracy.

Imagine we’re like a Wood Wide Web

A social ecosystem connected through common needs, shared resources and a desire to flourish.



The Myceleia Network is a shared biome, where ecosystems flourish without greed, sharing resources where needed. The mycelium underfoot ensures close-by neighbouring trees and plants have the resources (nutrients, water, etc.) they need to flourish. They also have evolved ways to distribute nutrients across an entire network.

This short video shows how Community Assemblies connect us.



The Communities Assemblies Escalation Plan was part of the 2024 XRUK Action's Strategy to upgrade democracy. The current 2025 Movement Strategy also refers to how community assemblies fit into our overall movement building aims and our 2025 Actions Strategy will be out imminently.

Local Authority Performance Intel

Go to My Society to find out where your local authority is at in relation to declarations on the climate emergency and decarbonisation planning. Also, the Climate Action score rating website may help you to find out more detail.

Survey Boards Work

- How to make and use Survey Boards.
- Have a leaflet/flyer to hand out with general information, contact details and your next event.

Why Community Assemblies Matter

- Understand the difference between Community Assemblies, People's Assemblies and Citizens' Assemblies
- Politics is broken, and traditional lobbying techniques of NGO's have little effect when up against think-tank lobbyists.
- Community Assemblies offer part of the solution, giving an experience of how decision making could be.
- Community assemblies can involve people in their local area on local concerns, or happen at a regional level.
- Connect with communities you haven't yet engaged with
- Involve marginalised and disengaged groups
- Engaging local communities with assemblies increases awareness of the potential power of national citizen's assemblies
- More about Why Run Community Assemblies?

How a Community Assembly Might Apply Well-Timed Pressure

- Visit our campaign page on the XRUK website with relevant and useful resources Community Assemblies Escalation Plan.
- Check out our range of guides about how to use the Press to get your messages reaching more people.

What Next?

- Keep this page bookmarked for when elections are on the horizon.
- Look out for Digital Rebellion's 'Do It At Home' actions on Telegram.
- Running Community Assemblies helps political candidates to be more aware of local demands.

Assets

- Create posters /flyers /stickers /QR codes on Aktivisda
- How to set up and run a Community Assembly: 1hr 22mins YouTube video
- Suggested Themes for Actions
- Outreach Methods and Materials
- Social Media How To

Resources and Support

- How to build Community Alliances
- Community Assemblies Manual - Download this for everything you need to know on how to set up and run one.
- Community Assemblies Sharing Telegram chat
- Email: communityassemblies@extinctionrebellion.uk
