

# Additional Learning

## More Resources

If you are seeking one to one advice on how to organise or run your assembly, one of the Assemblies Escalation Working Group holds an 'ask anything and share experiences' drop in every Friday afternoon at 3pm. [Drop in link.](#)

## Training and Support

- **Trust the People:** THE expert trainers inspiring and empowering people everywhere to really bring democracy home. Enjoy 8 weeks worth of in-depth and fun training to equip your local community to organise and run an effective magical experience in deliberative democracy. And it's totally **free**, twice per year from the experts in building deliberative democracy.
- **Involve:** public participation charity, on a mission to put people at the heart of decision-making
- **Humanity Project:** an NGO offering practical support to local groups wanting to set up what they call a 'Pop', i.e. a popular assembly. NB their immediate goals of popularising assemblies is shared with XR, but they do not share XR's Third Demand. At the time of this update (August 2024), their volunteers may recommend organisers not refer to XR support in organising.

## Community Assembly Case Studies

- **S. Yorkshire Climate Assemblies-** a council enabled Assembly that made recommendations on the route forward for South Yorkshire. NB the Mayor backs the popularisation of assemblies.
- **Blaenau Gwent Climate Assembly** - This was the first climate assembly in Wales
- **Blackburn People's Jury on Climate Change Crisis - September 2022-** a group organised by the council and the **Sortition Foundation**; they came up with 15 recommendations to tackle local issues related to climate change.
- **Cheshire East People's Panel** - video on the cost of living with **Positive Money**.
- **Los Indignados Assemblies** - Spanish ad hoc citizen coalitions to challenge specific government actions.

- **COP26 Global Assembly** - produced a report answering the question 'How can humanity address the climate and ecological crisis in a fair and effective way?' Findings in their report came from both a **Global Citizens' Assembly**, and self-organised Community Assemblies around the world.
- **Grassroots To Global** - Scotland.
- **Co-operation Hull**
- **Eastbourn Citizens and Local Authorities Partnership**

## Additional Guides to Deliberative Democracy

- XR's Citizen's Assembly Rebel Toolkit guidance
- Power With Assemblies Handbook
- Community At Work: **Deliberative Democracy manual**
- Open Space Technology: **Alternative models of deliberation**
- Better Evaluation: **Goldfish Bowl Meetings**
- **Hope For The Future**- Skill yourself up and boost your confidence in talking to politicians, be they local, regional or national.

## Books

- 'From What If to What Is' - Rob Hopkins
- 'DIY Community Action: Neighbourhood Problems and Community Self-Help' - Liz Richardson
- **We Need to Talk About Climate: How Citizens' Assemblies Can Help Us Solve the Climate Crisis**- Graham Smith

## Other Resources

- Community Assemblies Telegram **chat channel** Ask anything. Share your positive stories.
- **Power of Community Imagination** Podcast
- **Pol.is**- Opinion collation software platform for voting on ideas shared by participants in a deliberation process. This software was used during the People's Assemblies at The Big One (April 2023) for crowdsourcing opinions.
- **Participedia** Website tracking deliberative processes
- **Decidim**: A digital platform for citizen participation. Free, open and safe technology.
- **Innovation in Politics Institute** Identifies, develops and applies innovations in politics, to strengthen democracy in Europe and beyond.

Their mission is "to recognise and support those political professionals who have the courage to break new ground, are creative and achieve better results – across party lines and across borders – to make democratic politics more successful."

They also: "co-create long-term programmes with a positive impact on politics and society, like awards for state-of-the-art political work, training and networking opportunities for political professionals, and platforms for democratic practice exchange."]

## Citizens' Assemblies

See [Citizens' Assemblies information on the Toolkit here](#)

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## Need More Help?

Join the Community Assemblies Telegram [chat channel](Invite link for this chat: [https://t.me/+ESA\\_GQHHFBQxZmY0](https://t.me/+ESA_GQHHFBQxZmY0)) Ask anything. Share your positive stories.

Email the **Assemblies Escalation Campaign** with your questions at [communityassemblies@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:communityassemblies@extinctionrebellion.uk)

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