

What Are Community Assemblies?

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A community assembly is local people hearing, deliberating & deciding about local issues that affect community lives everyday.

The current political system is failing to take the actions we need.

It's time to decide for ourselves, together!

Let's bring deliberative democracy into our communities to show them the power of deciding together!

By organising **local Community Assemblies**, we can...

- **Open conversations about XR's 3rd demand for a [Citizen's Assembly on Climate and Ecological Justice](#)**
- **Grow our local networks** by continuing to build local alliances around issues we are all concerned about;
- **Do outreach;**
- **Keep up the pressure** on local politicians, local and unitary authorities;
- **Spread the word about deliberative democracy** to empower people by showing what outcomes could be achieved;
- **Start a local campaign or project** in collaboration with other groups sharing a common concern;
- **Invite local politicians and candidates** to build positive relationships and ask if they support the **CE Bill** to further climate and ecological protections;
- Depending upon local relationships with political decision makers, if authorities ignore our climate and ecological emergency, we can **escalate pressure via NVDA**. (Check out the [Escalation Plan](#) for more on this)

Ready to co-create a beautiful bonding experience in your community alongside your local allies?

Then check out our [Community Assembly Resources](#).

Citizens' Assemblies, People's Assemblies and Community Assemblies

XR uses three different kind of assemblies, which have some similarities and some differences:

CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY	PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY	COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY
Deliberative democracy	Deliberative democracy	Deliberative democracy
Group deliberation	Group deliberation	Group deliberation
Informed by experts, stakeholders and people with lived experiences	No external speakers necessary	Informed by experts, stakeholders and people with lived experiences
Random selection called "sortition"	Self-selected	Self-selected
10 - 30 days	Can be as little as 45 minutes	If possible, several hours, but not necessary. 90 minutes to a day.
Inform policy	Inform activists decisions	Inform policy

You can [find out more about the differences between the three possible models here](#) Bear in mind too, that different organisations have different names for assemblies and there are a wide variety of structures and processes across the deliberative democracy spectrum. It's a rewarding learning curve!
