

2019-11-20 Resources for The Hero's Call to Climate Action Presentation

-**The Hero's Journey** - the archetypal image of a hero and his/her journey as described by Joseph Campbell. What if we are all called to be heroes, what does that mean for each of us?

- **Part One** - Think of the movies Star Wars, and Will Smith in Independence Day and Armageddon.
 - **Call to climate action** - What is calling us to action? Why us?
 - **Refusal** - what reasons pass your mind as to why you can't answer this call
 - **Acceptance** - what will bring you to accept this urgent call?
- **Part Two**
 - **Allies** - Solutions - tech and non-tech, activist groups, economic growth opportunities, informing ourselves
 - **Challenges** - within ourselves - time, knowhow, willingness; external - political will, public awareness, interest factions,
- **Part Three**
 - **Realization & Transformation**
 - We realize the Earth is our common and **only home**, and we are not only citizens of any one country, but Earthlings.
 - Not only are we a part of our Mother Earth, but we are unequivocally **interconnected** with all beings - living and inanimate - of our planet.
 - It inspires us to take action, to restore the infinitely intricate balance nature had in place for millennia, and to extinguish the existential threat now facing not only animals and plants species, but humankind as well.
 - Within the extremely narrow window of time left for us to be able to effectively avert calamitous consequences on our planet, we are urged to exert our best most determined effort, so we can pass on to our future generations a safe and sustainable world, one where they can know the beauty, the diversity and the benign life-sustaining cradle of nature we have known in ours and past generations.
 - Humanity has come together in the past to overcome insurmountable hardships. This climate crisis can and will be overcome by people joining forces from every corner of the world, without boundaries.
 - **Healing**
 - As we take charge and take actions to heal our planet, we transform not only our relationship with all matter and beings on our planet, but ourselves. From the positive actions we make, to the positive energy and community of other climate activists, we grow to be in the fullness of being alive, which, as Joseph Campbell explained, is the meaning of life.

-**The Uninhabitable Earth** - Book - by David Wallace-Wells. Interview on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N82_b_n4HCQ&t=449s

The 3 misapprehensions about climate change:

- 1) the **speed** of the change - That climate change will happen slowly, time scale of decades or centuries. In fact, half the CO2 emissions have taken place in the past 30 years - that's since Al Gore's first book, since IPCC was established, since the premiere of Seinfeld.
- 2) the **scope** of change - It's more than just the Arctic snow melt and rising seas, of redrawing the coastline. It's all encompassing changes, such as in agriculture - decrease in half the grain by 2100; GDP reduction by 20-30% - that's 2x that of the great depression; that conflicts around the world may increase 10-20% for every 1/2 degC warming, so there's 2x more wars by 2100.
- 3) the **severity** of change - The assumption that limiting to 2 degC warming would be the expected upper limit of warming, but now, it appears limiting to 2degC would be the best case scenario, that we are on track for an increase of 4degC or more warming at today's trajectory.

-**12 Excuses for Climate Inaction:**

<https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2019/5/17/18626825/alexandria-ocasio-cortez-gr-eta-thunberg-climate-change>

- 1) Being alarmist?
- 2) Too late?
- 3) It's so depressing.
- 4) Fossil fuels - too powerful, essential
- 5) I'm just one person.
- 6) What, reduce meat/flying? Unlikely.
- 7) I'm not rich or powerful.
- 8) What's one easy thing I can do?
- 9) The politicians are failing us.
- 10) Decarbonization will cost too much and hurt the global economy
- 11) Win-win or Zero-sum?
- 12) The techies will save us.

-IPCC special report - Global Warming of 1.5 degrees, October 2018. Why it matters to everyone on the planet:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/2018/10/08/summary-for-policymakers-of-ipcc-special-report-on-global-warming-of-1-5c-approved-by-governments/>

<https://www.nrdc.org/stories/ipcc-climate-change-report-why-it-matters-everyone-planet>

-Empowering individuals: A.C.T.I.V.A.T.E. - from Climate Change Empowerment Handbook by Australian Psychological Society

<https://www.psychology.org.au/About-Us/What-we-do/advocacy/Advocacy-social-issues/Environment-climate-change-psychology/Resources-for-Psychologists-and-others-advocating/Climate-change>

These eight insights make the acronym A.C.T.I.V.A.T.E. and we hope they will ACTIVATE the public into more effectively engaging with the challenge of climate change!

- 1) Acknowledge feelings about climate change to yourself and others and learn ways of managing feelings so you can face and not avoid the reality of climate change.
- 2) Create social norms about protecting the environment so that people see that 'everyone is doing it' and 'it's normal to be green'.
- 3) Talk about climate change and break the collective silence so that more and more people see it as a risk that requires action
- 4) Inspire positive visions of a low-energy, sustainable, zero carbon world so that people know what we are working towards and can identify steps to get there.
- 5) Value it – show people how their core values are often linked to other values that are about restoring a safe climate, and that caring about these issues actually reinforces their core values.
- 6) Act personally and collectively to contribute to climate change solutions and feel engaged and less despairing.
- 7) Time is now. Show people that climate change is here, now and for sure so they see it is timely and relevant to them and impacts the things that they care deeply about.
- 8) Engage with nature to restore your spirits and connect with the very places that you are trying to protect.

-ACTION CHECKLIST : 12 WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE (Climate Reality)

- Talk about climate change with family and friends
- Be an activist online
- Share this guide with a friend
- Organize or attend a Climate Reality Leader presentation

- Green your workplace, home and vehicle
- Give a climate presentation
- Speak truth to power with elected officials
- Vote with your wallet
- Watch or read An Inconvenient Sequel - Truth to Power
- Become a Climate Reality Leader
- Help your community go 100% Committed
- Help Climate Reality raise awareness worldwide

QUOTES:

“After the final no, there comes a yes, and on that yes the future world depends.” - *Wallace Stevens*

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

- *Margaret Mead*

“Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced.” - *James Baldwin*

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit” - *Nelson Henderson*

REFERENCES:

The first two refers specifically to New Mexico:

-<https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2016/04/Climate-Change-New-Mexico-fact-sheet.pdf>

-<https://www.ucsusa.org/clean-energy/increase-renewable-energy/new-mexico-renewables#.XFN-AM9KjOQ>

Books/Movies

-The Uninhabitable Earth - Life After Warming - *by David Wallace-Wells*

-Climate Change - What Everyone Needs to Know - *by Joseph Romm*

-Project Drawdown - *by Paul Hawken*

-Designing Climate Solutions- *by Hal Harvey*

-Inconvenient Truth - *by Al Gore* - Movie and Book

-Inconvenient Sequel - Truth to Power - *by Al Gore* - Movie and Book

-Zero Waste Home - *by Bea Johnson*

etc

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS:

- Northern New Mexico Chapter of The Climate Reality Project - nmclimatereality.org
- The Climate Reality Project - climaterealityproject.org
- Citizens Climate Lobby - citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/NM_Albuquerque/
- Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter, Pajarito-Los Alamos group-
riograndesierraclub.org/pajarito/
- 350NM - 350newmexico.org
- Zero Waste Los Alamos -
losalamosnm.us/government/departments/public_works/environmental_services_division/zero_waste_los_alamos

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NNM Chapter of Climate Reality website: <https://www.nmclimatereality.org/> - you can join our chapter directly on this website - click "JOIN" and fill in the opt-in form, and submit.

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vQ9qPUVvDia4CEEgkuMNQAPSqVgJGV6aj-SkZQi5Vdk/edit?usp=sharing>