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## We need to talk about climate change.

Talking about climate change is so important

- probably the most important thing you can do!





# TALKING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

#### Principles of a good conversation

- We acknowledge one another as equals
- We try to stay curious about each other
- We recognise that we need each other's help to become better listeners
- We slow down so we have time to think and reflect
- We remember that conversation is the natural way humans think together
- We expect it to be messy at times

From Margaret Wheatley (2009) Turning to one another: simple conversations



# Getting to the root of climate change (15 mins)



- Think to yourself, why is climate change happening? (1 min)
- Now share in pairs; In your opinion, why is climate change happening? (2 mins each)
- 'But why?' Try to answer as many 'but whys' as possible in your pairs. (2 mins each)
- Now share in table group; What were peoples starting points? Where did they end up? Record the root causes of climate change that the group identifies. (5 mins)

## From old roots to new shoots (15 mins)



Working in pairs again, look at the ways in which the root causes of climate change appear in your own lives and in your communities. (5 mins)

Now share in table group; What are the common themes or ideas? (5 mins)

What climate actions could the group take to address some of the root causes they have identified? (5 mins)



### Now and into the future (10 mins)

#### **Group conversation**



- What new ideas have you taken on board?
- How do you imagine your future?
- What will your environment be like in 12 years time? By 2050?
- What solutions can you provide?
- What questions might you have?

Why not host a Climate Conversation in your home/school/campus/workplace with a new group of people.





Video links