

INTERVIEWS AND ACTION PROJECT

Step 1: Choose to work independently or in a group to complete this project.

Write your names here:

Step 2: Interviews

To begin:

Introduce yourself and the project to the person you will be interviewing. Explain the goals of the project—to provide a forum for people to share their own stories and personal reflections on climate change—and that you'd like to talk with them about climate change.

Questions to ask during the interview:

For local organizations

Could you please introduce yourself and what you do for work?

How is your work connected to climate change? What do they need in order to do their work?

Could you talk about the changes you may have noticed in our local environment, specifically Maine, over the past several years? (For example, changing weather, temperature, seasons, changes in plants and animals, sea level, water resources, glaciers)

How do you feel about climate change? Describe your emotional responses to climate change as you think about yourself, your family, and your community.

Has our community been impacted by environmental pollutants/ harms (air pollution, water pollution, fires), etc.?

How do you imagine our community's future will be affected by climate change?

How do these environmental harms already impact day-to-day life here in Maine? Yours personally or the community at large.

How does climate change affect your job?

What do you think are the top priorities for our communities to be resilient in the face of climate change?

How do you imagine the future? What kind of world would you like to see in terms of the relationship between different groups of humans, between humans and the natural world, and between humans and the climate?

What do you feel are some barriers for our community to get adequate access to a cleaner and safer environment?

How can other young people and I take action to support your efforts to address environmental injustice in our area?

For community members

Could you please introduce yourself and what you do for work?

How is your work connected to climate change? What do they need in order to do their work?

Could you talk about the changes you may have noticed in our local environment over the past several years? (For example, changing weather, temperature, seasons, changes in plants and animals, sea level, water resources, glaciers)

How do you feel about climate change? Describe your emotional responses to climate change as you think about yourself, your family, and your community.

How does climate change affect your job?

How do you imagine your job will be affected by climate change in the future?

How do these environmental harms already impact your day-to-day life here in Maine?

How do you imagine the future? What kind of world would you like to see in terms of the relationship between different groups of humans, between humans and the natural world, and between humans and the climate?

What do you think are some ways that can slow down the impact of climate change on your job?

Step 3: Focus and purpose of the project

What is your Climate Justice issue? How is it connected to your community and why does it matter to you? What are you hoping to achieve with this action project? What will success look like?

What is your Key Message and how are you sharing it?

Who is your target audience? Who is your audience and why? (Other students, teachers, parents, youth, elders, a specific leader, the community at large?)

What resources do you need?

How will you revise or adjust the plan if need be?

Step 4: Select a strategy

Example Project Ideas:

Create a Petition

Produce a Community Art Project

Write an article

Create a podcast

Write Letters Share/post on Social Media

Make Student Presentations to Community Members

Print flyers, posters and brochures

Make videos, commercials or movies

What is your strategy?

Step 5: Peer Review and Feedback

What is the goal of the group's action project?

How does their project achieve that goal?

Give the group 3-5 SPECIFIC pieces of feedback.

What is one (or more!) thing that you liked about their plan?

Do you have any additional suggestions or ideas that they should consider?