

# Global Warming: Changing CO<sub>2</sub> Course

*"We are no longer passive victims of the climate system's slow oscillations; we are now, as a collective, atmospheric engineers."*

- Alan AtKisson

**GLOBAL WARMING: CHANGING CO<sub>2</sub> COURSE IS A FOUR SESSION DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR THE WORKPLACE, COMMUNITY CENTER OR HOME.**

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THIS DISCUSSION COURSE WILL:**

Explore personal values and habits as they relate to climate change

Deepen in understanding of the history and science of global warming

Consider both individual and community level actions to curb global warming



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# GLOBAL WARMING: CHANGING CO<sub>2</sub> COURSE: DISCUSSION COURSE DESCRIPTION

SESSION THEME	DESCRIPTION	READINGS
<b>Off Course</b>	Communities around the world are experiencing the effects of global warming. This session explores personal responses to climate change and why society has been slow to respond.	<p>"Global Warming Twenty Years Later" by Dr. James Hansen</p> <p>"A Storm of Denial" by Paul Rogat Loeb</p> <p>"Global Warming Tipping Point" by Michael Bloch</p> <p>"Global Warming Feedback Loops" by Madeline Ostrander</p> <p>"It's the End of the World as We Know It" by Daniel Gilbert</p> <p>"How to Be a Climate Hero" by Audrey Schulman</p> <p>Carbon Footprint Exercise</p>
<b>Collision Course</b>	To better understand the complexities of global warming, this session breaks down the history and science of global climate change, and identifies our participation in this ecological crisis.	<p>"The Right War" by Ban Ki-Moon</p> <p>"Sea Change" by Julia Whitty and Robert Knoth</p> <p>"The Climate Divide" by Andrew C. Revkin</p> <p>"Global Warming Hastens Spring's Arrival" by Seth Borenstein</p> <p>"Breaking the Boundaries of Life" by Gary Braasch</p> <p>"Facing a Threat to Farming and Food Supply" by Rick Weiss</p> <p>Excerpt from "The Climate of Man III" by Elizabeth Kolbert</p> <p>Session 2 Action Plan: Immediate Actions</p>
<b>Changing Course</b>	Although global warming is a daunting issue, there are accessible and significant actions we can all take. This session explores new strategies for addressing climate change and considers personal action to mitigate the effects of global warming	<p>"Why Bother?" by Michael Pollan</p> <p>"Is Local Always Better?" by Tess Taylor</p> <p>"My Low-Carbon Diet" by Seth Zuckerman</p> <p>"Are We Ready to Track Carbon Footprints?" by John Tierney</p> <p>"Brother, can you spare a carbon credit?" by Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow</p> <p>"Where Have All the Joiners Gone?" by Bill McKibben</p> <p>Session 3 Action Plan: Further Actions</p>
<b>Setting a New Course</b>	What will it take to create a sustainable future? Explore our individual and collective power to shape an effective response to climate change, enabling future generations to meet their needs.	<p>"Beating the Heat" by Matt Sutkoski</p> <p>Excerpt from <i>Soul of a Citizen</i> by Paul Rogat Loeb</p> <p>"Mayors Stand Up" by Madeline Ostrander</p> <p>"The Green-Collar Solution" by Thomas L. Friedman</p> <p>"This postman always thinks green" by Max Christern</p> <p>"The Politics of Limits" by Ted Nordhaus and Michael Shellenberger</p> <p>Excerpt from Al Gore's <i>Nobel Lecture</i></p> <p>Session 4 Action Plan: Organizational</p>

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