

Climate Conversation Oct 25

Notes by Avril

New Participants Today -- Avery, Nicole, Brent, Kelly, Donna R.

Returning -- Avril, Len, Evie, David Tate, John Slater, Ann, Kanami, Rob G, Ella, Betty, Genevieve, John Deweaver, Jordan, Martha

Book Suggestion-- Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming (MHPL Library)

Pitches from the people:

ResilientSEA -- Genevieve SEA Change: A Monthly Movie Night , Wed Oct 30 -- The Economics of Happiness movie night at VERVE 7pm (please join the group)

Stuff Swap -- Sat Nov 2 -- bring and take away stuff

Reminder of end Nov. Climate Strike (Reminder of Greta Thunberg in Vancouver today; need to understand a solutions based approach to the Election)

Crescent Heights -- Ella -- what to do to move forward; Earth Club starting up at her school

From Rob -- from the book above -- 80 things scored by colours of those he thought do-able by us in Medicine Hat (The book also has a web site and related Ted Talks)

Donna -- DVD/CD @ MHPL -- The Wizard and the Prophet (scientists with different approaches to planet sustainability and food security); co-housing focus @ library Nov 14 and Nov 28)

People connected to the conversation through the Fridays for Future website -- thanks Heith

John Slater -- does anyone need a bike? Talk to him. Alternate energy possibilities and their impact on the native prairies; list of questions circulated

Len - reminder re: Council of Canadians. (Film -- Youth Unstoppable -- the inheritors to the planet are those who need encouraging)

Dave -- emphasis on recycling

Evie brings an idea about a person who's run as an independent candidate (Avril to check for the Prairie Post article)

Green New Deal (Avril's focus)

Nicole -- on the Unisphere board; own personal impact

Kelly -- living abroad recently; back and wanting to get connected

John D-- population control? Not as much of an issue with climate change as carbon foot print per capita and educating women and girls

Avery -- looking to be pragmatic

Brent -- Environmental Science instructor at MHC. (New course -- AgroEcology course); perma culture courses through Continuing Studies)

Jordan -- Medicine Hat High Earth Club-- Through Education Ministry was in Edmonton last week; part of Earth Club; meeting with Councillor Samraj in Nov.

How can school groups get together?

Our large group -- what to do? -- variety of possibilities (groups, conversation as is allowing people to share their activities, spontaneity within fixity, supporting students in their on-going initiatives, especially on Fridays, action oriented things -- outlets and pragmatics (ex: how to analyze one's individual carbon footprint -- see CarbonFootprint Calgary). WWF website also has a carbon footprint generator; ResilientSEA could be the way to share pragmatics, work groups -- website and social media presence; vegetarian possibilities)

Youth Unstoppable Documentary -- Len describes as impressive, highlights young person from Canada at COPs internationally and climate activism around the world; inspiring film for youth; wonderful if could be shown to young people helping to understand complexity: library, schools, college as individual or collaborative host) Monarch as possibility and charge a fee -- all interested groups; anti climate change persons)-- 10 persons to put up 75. Genevieve and Brent to approach the Monarch

Suggested on-going clean up of garbage around the city along with weighing/documenting what has been collected; community activism planning for a date and time; sharing the activity on social media; related ex: Hat High garbage audit (still setting date and time); worm composting (Rexanne contact) -- Earth club initiative?

World Water week -- southeast Alberta Water week; -- "parking lot" issue to pursue (ie. connections with the library)

Potential for biodiesel generators (waste oil) for restaurants ex: 19 cents a litre

Attempting to find food waste film for ResilientSEA

Next conversation: Friday 4pm Nov 1