

# Westminster Citizens' Climate Assembly

## General Information Pack

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023



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# Day 2: Future Westminster – Pathways to Net Zero

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Participants will be exploring the climate emergency through the lens of fairness and inequality, recognising how issues of climate justice are critical to achieving our goals. Participants will then be empowered to consider the opportunities for change at a citywide, community and individual level, hearing from experts who can speak to the current activity and opportunities being delivered to overcome the barriers to climate action.

Purpose of the session:



1. To set out some of the potential pathways towards achieving net zero emissions
2. To understand the importance of climate justice and how this is critical to a successful climate action response
3. To set out some of the practical actions that can be taken from citywide to individual level to tackle the climate emergency
4. To empower participants to consider the future of Westminster and inspire them to explore what needs to be done to achieve our net zero goals
5. To create a vision.

## Agenda

Item	Detail
<i>Registration &amp; Breakfast (9.15am)</i>	
Welcome (10:00am)	Welcome back
Plenary	Introduction to looking at Climate Change through justice
<i>Morning Break</i>	
Table discussion	Identifying the critical considerations for ensuring net zero is delivered in the fairest way
<i>Lunch</i>	
Plenary	A series of short presentations about the different pathways to net zero, and current activity being delivered
<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
Table discussion	Vision creation
Close (4:30pm)	Wrap-up of Day 2 and close






## Day 2 Speakers

Speaker	Bio
 <p data-bbox="167 689 470 1003">           Dr Neil Jennings  <i>Partnership            Development Manager,            Grantham Institute            Climate Change and            the Environment,            Imperial College            London</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="499 483 1449 869">           Dr Neil Jennings has a specific interest in the co-benefits of climate action – how tackling climate change can help create a cleaner, greener, fairer future and how these co-benefits can be better considered in the decision-making process. Within Imperial, Neil is also part of the Climate Cares team- a group of researchers, designers, policymakers, and educators aiming to understand and support mental health in the current climate and ecological crises. He has a PhD from the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of East Anglia, a MSc from UCL in the Public Understanding of Environmental Change and a BA in Geography from the University of Cambridge.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="205 1366 432 1525">           MYP Myra Soni  <i>Member of Youth            Parliament for            Westminster</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="499 1043 1449 1543">           Myra moved to the UK from India and now lives in Westminster with her mother and sister. For over 3 years, Myra has worked with mental health charities and organizations such as Young Minds, Young Westminster Foundation and 2-3 Degrees. With a passion for politics and ambition to drive sustainable change, she joined the Westminster Youth Council, a platform for youth politics, local community engagement and a vehicle to influence policy decisions. She was recently elected as the Youth Member of Parliament from Westminster at 15. Within this role, she helps lead WYC and is an elected member of the British youth parliament. The climate crisis is one of her key manifestos, along with the diversity, equity, inclusion agenda and mental health. The climate crisis is one where she intends to impact change by having the youth voices fairly represented and well heard.         </p>



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 <p data-bbox="199 616 443 772">           Simeran Bachra  <i>Associate Director:            Cities &amp; Climate at            Anthesis</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="499 309 1433 846">           Simeran has extensive experience and expertise engaging place-based organisations on climate action. She has supported local authorities in setting science-based targets, developing climate action plans, and collaborating with key stakeholders to co-create solutions. Simeran is experienced in leading stakeholder engagement sessions with local authorities and companies. She has recently managed the Waterloo and South Bank Future Neighbourhood Strategy, Lambeth's Measurement Framework and the development of York's climate action strategy and Manchester's Climate Change Framework. An expert in climate reporting, Simeran supported the development of resources with Ashden, UK100, the Science Based Targets Network and Connected Places Catapult. Simeran is a member of Manchester's Zero Carbon Advisory Board and on the steering committee of Climate Reframe – a network of climate experts and activists from racialized backgrounds.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="183 1209 459 1328">           Justin Etherington  <i>Associate Director at            Buro Happold</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="510 969 1436 1232">           Justin is a passionate energy consultant and team leader with over ten years' experience in low carbon energy systems and building design. Justin believes a whole system approach is key to delivering equitable and fair transition projects to support societies net zero challenge. He has project experience across a range of traditional and renewable technologies and project scales from leading City, Borough, and campus Net Zero energy and decarbonisation strategies and projects.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="183 1668 459 2056">           Bob Ward  <i>Policy and            Communications            Director, Grantham            Research Institute on            Climate Change and            the Environment and            Chair of the London            Climate Change            Partnership</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="499 1556 1444 1859">           Bob Ward has been policy and communications director at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science since it was founded in 2008. He was appointed Chair of the London Climate Change Partnership in April 2023, having previously served as Deputy Chair. The Partnership brings together the organisations and companies that are concerned with climate resilience of the capital. Bob is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the Geological Society and the Energy Institute.         </p>




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 <p data-bbox="188 591 459 745">           Nicola Rochfort  <i>Community Engagement Lead at Grosvenor</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="513 376 1433 678">           Nicola Rochfort leads on Community Engagement for Grosvenor, a company that helps make and manage places where communities, businesses and nature thrive. Nicola oversees Grosvenor's 'Greener Futures' £1 million+ community investment programme focused on the climate emergency. The programme aims to improve lives locally by supporting training and jobs in the green economy, enabling community-led climate action, and improving young people's access to nature.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="188 1097 459 1252">           Natalia Nogues            Consentini  <i>Operations Manager, Veolia</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="513 882 1449 1144">           Natalia Nogues-Cosentini comes from a hospitality background and has been working for Veolia Westminster for the last three years as Operations Manager for the street cleansing service. She enjoys being part of innovations and facing new challenges. Natalia is keen to play an important part in making this world a better place for future generations through delivering a cleaner, more sustainable waste collection operation in Westminster.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="172 1657 475 1778">           Rachel Brian  <i>Social Impact Manager, Repowering London</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="513 1375 1442 1677">           Rachel is Repowering London's Social Impact Manager and South Area Manager, and loves talking to people about the role that collective ownership models can play in a just transition. She has previously worked in the community-led housing sector, and has a range of experience with community engagement, affordable housing development, and co-operative governance. Rachel has a background in sustainable urbanism and holds a master's degree in City Design and Social Science from LSE.         </p>



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 <p data-bbox="204 622 466 739">           Manuel Cameron  <i>Aldgate Solar Power            Community Lead</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="529 362 1444 627">           I believe that socially and environmentally sustainable solutions can change the world for the better and am committed to work with others to make that transformative change possible. I received a master’s degree in Environment and Development from LSE and in Feb 2022 I joined Repowering London’s efforts to create a new greener energy system to tackle climate change and those benefits communities.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="183 1070 486 1227">           Carlos Queremel  <i>Future Neighbourhoods            Project Lead, Camden            Council</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="529 757 1439 1019">           Carlos has over thirty years of experience engaging with communities and businesses in the delivery of environmental projects, including subjects such as climate change, carbon project development and CSR initiatives. He is highly skilled in producing engaging communications materials and campaigns to promote behavioural change and is an expert in designing and managing projects in the field of sustainable development.         </p> <p data-bbox="529 1030 1388 1176">           Carlos is a creative and experienced facilitator with expertise in promoting behavioural change. He currently leads the GLA-funded initiative Future Neighbourhoods 2030, being delivered in Somers Town.         </p> <p data-bbox="529 1187 1444 1332">           Carlos has a first degree in Agricultural Engineering and holds a MSC in Natural Environment Restoration from the University Polytechnic of Madrid. Carlos loves contact with nature and spends his spare time swimming and exploring the countryside around Brighton on his bike.         </p>
 <p data-bbox="188 1803 481 1960">           Graham Kingsbury  <i>Property Sustainability            Manager, Westminster            City Council</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="529 1505 1444 1809">           I have worked at Westminster City Council for 13 years and have a background in building surveying and property management. This has given me a great understanding of our building stock here in Westminster. I have always had an interest in green and sustainability works and have extensive experience in building retrofit, including insulation, ventilation, heating, and solar panels. The Council’s Housing Sustainability Team was created 12 months ago and it’s a pleasure to work in the team and reduce carbon emissions from our properties.         </p>



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 <p data-bbox="188 604 494 761">           Carolina Castilla  <i>Senior Outreach Officer,            London Green Doctors,            Groundwork</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="544 313 1449 698">           Carolina has over 6 years' experience working in the third sector, coordinating/delivering a range of outreach, training, and events. She currently works on the Green Doctors programme where she has successfully developed the webinar-based frontline training toolkit and is currently delivering all energy-efficiency training face-to face and online—both for frontline workers and residents. Carolina has completed relevant training e.g., NEA Fuel Poverty and Health, and Tackling Fuel Poverty and Understanding Fuel Debt (NEA), NEA Level 3 City &amp; Guilds in Energy Awareness. She is skilled at developing relationships with a wide audience.         </p>





