

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS FOR CLIMATE ACTION!

As we begin to see the value, and ultimately, the urgency of taking climate action within our communities, and as we find our place in our world, it will become increasingly important to identify who we can connect with to find climate solutions. We should begin by considering how to effectively build relationships with people. The model below demonstrates a step by step approach you can use.



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Take some time and reflect on your personal values, feelings about climate action and the community of others that could be interested in working together for change. What occupies your thoughts about the climate crisis and where can you apply your unique perspective to help? Consider the questions and suggestions below to get you on the path to take climate action!

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

Make a list of the things in your community that matter most to you, your friends, and your family.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Write, sketch or voice record your thoughts on what the issue is and how you believe it can be solved.

WHO CAN HELP? WHO NEEDS YOU?

You are not alone. Many people think like you, and need your talents! It is incredible once you start looking,

MAKE A LIST OF CONTACTS

Search for local and national environment and climate action groups. Or use this CCNL's **Networking for Change** document. Look for phone numbers, email addresses and social media handles.

REACH OUT AND PREPARE

Reach out via all methods and be persistent, but respectful of others' time. Prepare answers to questions the organization might have for you about your time, interests, skills, purpose and things you want to achieve. List and record your contact dates and add notes.



SHOW UP AND SEE YOUR INITIATIVE THROUGH!

Make a plan for how you will commit to your action. Set goals. Record and celebrate your progress. What's does this action inspire you to do next?

AND ALWAYS:

CONTINUE TO BUILD YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE

Take the time to get outside and observe the wonder and beauty all around you. This reminds you of the things you are passionate about, and encourages you to keep building on your actions!