

# Imaginative Futures Exercise

If we dealt with the climate crisis as a true emergency requiring immediate action, what would that involve? What societal norms and structures would change? How would governance strategies change? What institutions or industries would cease to exist, how might Transportation and Travel look, Energy, Health care, Wealth distribution, Curriculum, Agriculture/Eating habits, Waste, production, Access to nature? What paradigm shift in our worldview could enable this to happen?

## ↔ Governance Strategies

How could our elections look different?

How could government be held accountable to their climate targets?

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Proportional representation

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Rapid direct contributions by the public through tools such as citizens' assemblies, rather than waiting for parties to offer change at election times

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Local community decision processes empowered and give precedence over elected of ces.

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Proportional representation to encourage collaobration; holding governments genuinely accountable/legally obligated for not meeting climate targets; allowing Indigenous communities to lead decision-making on creating a sustainable future

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Remove big money from our politics. Severe limits on amounts of contributions. Eliminate partisanship by eliminating political parties.

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inter caucus work and action for climate action together

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Promote civic education, formally and informally. Practise democracy!

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Support a Youth Climate Corps - where all young people could have jobs



## Health Care

How could the health environment nexus be more visible? How do we better support the care economy? How do we make the link between human and ecological health and well-being widely recognized and valued?

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Pay health care workers more, invest properly in health care

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Further funding and resource allocation for equitable healthcare to those who experience climate change related/induced health disparities

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Invest in prevention + get the word out about air and water pollution.

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Bring together cultural traditions of health care in support: Alternative health shared

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Invest adequately in health care systems; promote active lifestyles (e.g. removing car dependency)

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Center a person's personal primary care giver as the center of the health system given how much support they provide, even above healthcare providers

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Greater focus on preventative health & causes

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Secure, clean, environmentally sound housing is so important for health.

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Stop supporting privatization of healthcare. Provide fair wages to care workers and better working conditions. Create more co-living situations where all ages can live together, learn from each other and support each other

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Facilitate conversation on possibilities on how the human population can be humanely brought back to within planetary boundaries.



## Waste

How do we challenge the linear extraction, use, and disposal culture we have? How do we think more circularly? How do we challenge hyper-consumption and the "more stuff = better" mentality?

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enforce production/manufacturing caps on single-use EVERYTHING

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Overall ban on one time use packaging and severe penalties for offenders

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engage and hold retailers and grocery chains accountable

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more return deposits on bottles, cans, etc.

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cost of items must include the social and environmental costs.

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Promote a "buy nothing" approach. Focus especially on plastics.

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Not promoting fast fashion as an example - creating some sort of regulation

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push for a true circular economy

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Support for reuse and right to repair and interoperability of products

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Plan for ongoing use & not planned obsolescence, thinking of software that stops getting upgraded

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Highlight thrift stores as a viable, "exciting" alternative shopping experience!

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Join or start a local buy-nothing group.

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Producer pays for the cost of recycling packaging...and product for that matter.



## ↩ Energy

How do we propel fossil fuel divestment? How do we ensure renewable energy production does not come at the expense of more extraction and slave labour? How do we ensure a JUST energy transition? How do we ensure energy systems are resilience and decentralized to respond to upcoming shocks?

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Every year, each oil and gas producing country should produce less than the year before.

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Increased investment in renewable energy like solar and wind. Continue to measure the potential / drawbacks of nuclear power relative to other fossil fuel sources in the interim.

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support indigenous rights in extraction plans

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Investing in community microgrids

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Make reusable energy accessible. And make fossil energy only usable for a small portion of projects.

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Support a fossil-fuel non-proliferation treaty, to alleviate fears of making one-sided change and being left behind by countries that continue using fossil fuels

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Need to include the TOTAL cost of fossil fuels (Social, environmental clean up costs etc)

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Creating green jobs to shift away from oil and gas

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Support workers in oil/gas sectors to transition to eco-friendly energy sources

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Choose to save your money in a credit union.

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Cut fossil fuel subsidies and tax fossil fuel corps to help pay for the energy transition. Don't leave the Global South behind and provide support for the damage of the Climate Crisis

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Advocate for changes to public and private pension funds.

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Community based energy generation.

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Government needs to give subsidies to Green jobs. Help oil/gas workers transition from that sector to Green alternatives.



## ↩ Curriculum

What is missing from our climate education?  
What do you remember from your education career about the knowledge gaps in our system?  
How do we foster human-nature connection?

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Spend as much, or more, money on education for Indigenous children and youth as is being spent provincially on education elsewhere.

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Spend more money on education.

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Strengthen support for public education through schools, postsecondary, media, to ensure that we have the basic concepts and language to talk with each other about change

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that we do have agency

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Implement calls from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, listen to Indigenous wisdom.

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Engage students, they want a different world

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Add environmental issues as a core subject in school

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partnering with organizations working on similar issues:  
Council of Canadians, Cdn Federation of University Women

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Education should focus on broader systemic issues rather than only promoting individual actions (e.g. recycling)

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More access & encouragement to be in nature

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More emphasis on climate education, the environment and gardening, healthy food in our schools





## ↳ Access to Nature

How do we ensure people have places to connect with nature? How does this differ urban/rural?

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increase public transport, accessibility shuttle, non-vehicle traffic, accessible parking only

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Community members supporting public access to parks etc

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government grants for sustainable eco-tourism to keep costs low and accessible for ALL

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Faith communities gathering for worship outdoors, for eg., wild or forest churches. Can work for urban, suburban and rural faith communities. For an eg., look up Burning Bush Forest Church online.

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TO be truly accessible - the parks need to be safe.

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Initiatives to bring more people outdoors

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Honorar & work with Indigenous Elders

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Support Indigenous land back initiatives.

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keep nature natural - convert more park area to habitat only - no humans!

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Outdoor schools for all children. Time to be out in nature worked into every curriculum.

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More accessible, less cost prohibitive, & less private car reliable

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More green spaces in our cities



## ↳ Paradigm Shift

How must the dominant paradigm in Canada change? What dominant ideologies threaten realizing the future we must work towards?

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Need to focus on the interconnectedness of all peoples and nature. Less individualism

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Learn from Indigenous spirituality and Indigenous understanding of the connectedness of all things (all our relations) to better care for everyone and all living and non-living things.

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Go back to eating what is in season. Teaching of canning, freezing vegetables to younger generations.

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The idea of a paradigm shift really appeals to me. I've been thinking a bit about how the "American dream" paradigm needs to be replaced by a different kind of "dream": one that--while focused on the collective--also supports the integrity of the individual; one that views the inhabitants of the natural world as brothers/sisters/colleagues. I think how we talk about things is so important and is easy to overlook and take for granted.

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"Hospicing Modernity: Facing Humanity's Wrongs and the Implications for Social Activism" by Vanessa Machado de Oliveira. Vanessa and the global collective she is a part of have much to share about paradigm shifts.

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A WW2 style mobilization to demand and enable societal action to confront the existential challenge on our current door step.

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Simply more focus on community and relationships - knowing our neighbours and helping one another.

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Imagine a society that does not depend on growth.

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All my relations.

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How to minimize impact of nay-sayers who say climate change is a hoax.

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well being of all of us our planet

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De-centering humans in our theologies.

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Considering the site and orientation when building houses to take advantage of natural heating and cooling, breezes, shelter, etc.

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Challenge the idea that action must "pay for itself." Recognize that climate action has almost immeasurable value, and should proceed regardless of payback.

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Focusing on society promoting care + rest, which would enable us to learn about taking care of the land and being connected to it, rather than the "grind culture"

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Creative imagination to consider other worlds are possible.



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Prioritizing actions. We tend to treat all actions as equal. For example, some plastic products are far more helpful and essential, but plastic water bottles or plastic toys accompanying a fast food meal are not necessary.

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Recognize that markets are fundamentally incapable of choosing sustainability over cheap energy; hence government measures (tax, subsidize, or regulate) are vital to this effort

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Step back, if covid taught us anything it is do less and nature will heal itself. stop progress hustle

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restorative justice responses to misuse of resources, resistance of reponsibility

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Discard the current dominant euro-western ordering of society and look to the ways the majority of other cultures have related to the earth both throughout history and currently.

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Create or join a buy-nothing group.

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Ban clothes dryers. Hang your laundry, indoors or out.

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We need to move away from a growth centered economy. We need to consume less each year, at least of physical products. "We" is a country, a region, a whole population. Some areas that are currently consuming very little may need to consume more, high consumers need to reduce more.





## ⇒ Agriculture/Eating Habits

How will norms around eating/growing/producing food change to align with a livable future? What methods do we need to adopt?

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Subsidize local food producers, make sustainable farming affordable!

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Make veganism sexy

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Support local food production in urban places as well as homespaces

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Make it cheaper to buy local, stop grocery chains from importing over supporting local growers

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Eat local and educate on food production. avoid food waste

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Take off taxes on local food

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Promote and participate in community gardens. Especially faith communities who often have land that can be used for community gardens. Ensure CGs are accessible to all.

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Check out the PEI Food Exchange-amazing work to reduce food inequity by volunteers

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"Victory Gardens" ...a garden in every available space, with every household helping to garden.

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Eat foods which are grown within a limited distance.

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Harvesting unwanted produce, such as fruit trees in peoples yards.

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Partnerships between community organizations and faith communities.

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Make the reduction in environmentally taxing foods more accessible by providing more education and reducing the prices/providing incentives for vegetarian or vegan foods

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Recycling is the opiate of the masses. End it. It was a trick to encourage and justify more consumption.

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First reduce, second re-use, and then, third if you need to have a single-use product, at least ensure the materials can, in fact, be recycled. The goal is to avoid the landfill.



## ↩️ Travel and transportation

How must our travel needs, desires and methods change to align with a livable planet? What norms will be challenged in this process? Who are the key players, and how will they change?

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Change the idea that intercontinental travel is ok for the well so. Ensure they pay for carbon credits at the very leastb

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Rationing. Valuable resources needed for survival and societal change must be prioritized over individual nice to haves.

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Radical commitment to end air travel with exceptions for family connection (love miles?) when no other options.

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Faith communities see not getting on an airplane or driving a car as integral to living their faith.

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Build better rail networks.

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Future COPs should be zoom events only

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Extend micro-economics connections, curbing corporate systems

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Active transportation -- safe cycling, pedestrian infrastructure.

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return to the support of railways instead of roadways. Ban Just in Time deliveries.

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Cap air-travel, proof of need to travel, family and emergency only - enough is enough

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Pedestrianize our urban cores, demand that pedestrians and cyclists always be given priority over automobiles.

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Ban large trucks for personal use, or tax them to oblivion.

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Make air travellers pay the true environmental cost of their flights.

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Superstars to give up some travel on private jets.

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Support cultural change to lessen expectations for frequent travel (such as visiting family for holidays)



## ↳ Economic Shift

What ideas, theories and practices have you learned about that challenge core tenants of neoliberal capitalism? How can we reimagine the economy away from profit-centered thinking? What assumptions need to be challenged and changed? How could an economy better integrate human and environmental health and well-being?

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Investment and tax incentives for clean energy activities and adoption

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The top ten banks that finance the oil industry are: Toronto Dominion, Royal Bank, JP Morgan Chase, CIBC, Bank of Montreal, Scotia bank, Barclays, Bank of America, CITI, HSBC of United Kingdom. The advertising budgets of these banks should be devoted to pro-climate protection advertising.

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move toward the Genuine Progress Index - Dr. Ron Colman

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Reclaim the common good.

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We need to value humanity, and our health more than money. Realize that we are one with nature.

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back to the meaning of economics full cost accounting of products not just the benefits to the shareholders!

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Need to shrink the economy with a Degrowth model. Ref. Herman Daly, etc.

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Degrowth - we need to move past the mindset that we need continued economic growth every year

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Stress the point Julia made - Spend what it takes

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Ban Bitcoin mining!



↩ A Democratic Socialist movement  
challenging the established order

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Council of Canadians

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Created a citizen led group North Shore Climate Action for  
Resilience in Rustico PEI. Amazing results by volunteers.

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Check out Climate Cihirts

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...climate cohorts with Tamarack. They are an incredible national  
resource.

↩ **Curriculum**

National Youth Forum

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Climate Emergency Unit is promoting Youth Climate Corps

↩ **Transportation**

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More walkable and accessible cities!!!

