

Climate justice spectrum lines

4+ people

30-60 minutes

This activity is a great one to do with your group to further explore your ideas about climate justice, share your knowledge with each other, and prompt further discussion.

To set up this activity, create a space you can easily move around in. Write AGREE and DISAGREE on pieces of paper and stick them on opposite sides of the space.

For each statement, ask people to stand along the spectrum line based on how much they agree or disagree with the statement, with one end being 'completely agree', one end 'completely disagree', and all of the spectrums of answer in between. Remind people that these statements are not black and white, so there is not necessarily a right answer. The purpose of these statements is to draw out nuance.

For each statement, get people to explain why they have chosen to stand where they are. Encourage discussion and debate, and let people know they can move their position as discussion progresses.

If you are a larger group we recommend that you assign someone to facilitate and get people to raise their hands to speak, to make sure that everyone gets their voice heard.

1. **Everyone is equally responsible for causing climate change.**
2. **Within the UK, everyone will be equally affected by climate change.**
3. **Spending time talking about social issues like feminism or classism are a distraction from the more urgent problem of climate change.**
4. **Making lifestyle changes to reduce your own carbon footprint is an effective way of tackling climate change.**
5. **If fossil fuel companies switched entirely to renewables tomorrow, our problems would largely be solved.**

Feel free to make up more of your own statements to use!

You can also do this activity in an online meeting together by using Google slides or a similar tool that allows live editing. Simply write AGREE and DISAGREE on each side of a slide, and create stickers to represent each person which they can move around to represent where they stand.

