

Workshops

Slowing Climate Change through Lifestyle Changes and Political Action

Directions: For the afternoon, select two workshops to attend, one for session 1 (1:00-1:50) and the other for session 2 (2:00-2:50). Then return to the MP Room for the closing blessing and song led by Laura Sandage and Lorraine Visher. Your evaluations are greatly appreciated.

Session 1 Workshops – 1:00-1:50 p.m.

1. Making Net-Zero Fun (Home energy Efficiency)

Kristin Heinemeier - Ph.D., P.E., Principal Engineer at Western Cooling Efficiency Center, UC Davis?

Steve Nyholm - Founder of the Davis Permaculture Guild and Certified Permaculture Designer

Net zero living is a path, not a destination; where are you on that path? Learn how to reduce your footprint, regardless of your starting point. Become inspired by the experiences of your Davis neighbors, and engage in hands-on interactive activities to help you create your own plan today and get started on it tomorrow.

2a. Zero Waste Home (Wasting Less, Part 1)

Michelle Millet - vice-chair City of Davis Natural Resources Commission, substitute teacher & parent of two, Executive Board Member of Explorit Science Center, Board Member of Davis Bicycles, Guest Contributor to the Davis Enterprise on Waste Reduction!

Reduce, refuse, reuse, recycle...Michelle will share some simple ways her family has found to significantly reduce the amount of waste they generate.

2b. Zero Waste Ohm, the Spiritual Benefits of Reducing (Wasting Less, Part 1)

Claire Black-Slotton - First Street Real Estate Agent,

It is easy in this busy world to feel trapped in a whirlwind of chaos. You can achieve more peace in your life and get a raise with a simple shift of perspective. Join me as we talk through the path to joy through simplicity.

3. Introducing Interfaith Meatless Monday

Stephanie Carucci - Davis Friends, IRWS coordinator

Lynne Nittler - Yolo Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice, Cool Davis Board, UU

If you could do one thing for the health of the planet that would also save you money, improve your own health, plus help save water and alleviate world hunger, would you do it? Learn more about our proposal to bring Meatless Mondays to our faith groups and communities.

4. System Change through Divestment: Fossil Free United Methodist Church

Sharon Delgado - Sharon Delgado is an ordained United Methodist minister and Executive Director of Earth Justice Ministries. Find her blog at sharondelgado.org.

This workshop will focus on the organized movement within the United Methodist Church to screen out fossil fuels from church investment portfolios. It will present the spiritual and financial rationale, give practical steps that other groups can follow, and show how divestment can challenge and begin to change the system that is causing climate change.

5. Special Youth Track: Seeds of Change for Junior and senior high school students

Hannah Trumbull - CA House intern, UC Davis student

"Seeds of Change." This program will focus on agriculture and climate change. Beginning with a power point introduction on how agriculture practices affect climate change, students will have a chance for questions and answers. They will break into small groups to make calculations of the carbon emissions an average Davis resident is responsible for based on a "profile" of habits. Discussion will cover what kinds of changes could be made by farmers and consumers to reduce emissions from food.

Finally, the students will paint small flower pots, which they will fill with soil and plant with summer vegetable seeds and a special marigold seed.

Students will have lots of time to interact with each other and the college students leading the discussions.

Session 2 Workshops 2:00 – 2:50 p.m

6. Personal Transportation Options

Peter Kerr, research biologist and Robb Davis, Mayor pro tem

Finally, ethical personal transportation is a real, practical option. What a liberating feeling to have your daily rituals decoupled from fossil fuel politics and practices! But what is this life like and how is it different? It may be easier and more enjoyable than you think. Peter offers his experiences of having an electric car and Robb offers the how and why of living entirely car-free. Bring your questions!

7. Recycling in Davis (Wasting Less, Part 2)

Jennifer Gilbert - City of Davis Conservation Coordinator

Have you ever wondered whether something is recyclable? Where your recycling goes? Why we have to sort our paper separately from plastics, glass and cans? In this session we will get back to the basics of what is accepted for recycling, what isn't, and why. We will follow where the recycling goes, how it's separated, and why recycling is important.

8. The Ant and the Rubber Tree Plant

Beth Robbins - PhD, marriage & family therapist. St. Martin's Episcopal Church

What can one person do to end US dependence on fossil fuel? Join Citizens' Climate Lobby! Together we are influencing national legislation toward a carbon fee and dividend. Learn how you can be a part of this world-saving action.

9. Divest: Fossil Free CalPERS/ CalSTRS/ UC. Reinvest: Interfaith Resources

Martha Turner - 350Sacramento, Fossil Free California

Emili Adbel-Ghany - Field Organizer with California Student Sustainability Coalition: Solidarity Organizing Program and former Fossil Free UC Intern

Alyssa Lee - Field Organizer with California Student Sustainability Coalition: Statewide Divestment

Lynne Nittler -Yolo Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice, Cool Davis Board, UU

Remember South Africa and how divestment helped end apartheid? Learn about the growing divestment movement in California's two largest pension plans and the UC campuses from those directly involved. Hear about Humbolt State and how an Interfaith Group influence Palo Alto. Receive useful resources for reinvesting in a clean energy future at your religious establishment or in your own portfolio. Is now the time to align our universities, pension funds, and investments with our moral compasses for the sake of climate justice.

10. The Civil Rights and Wrongs of Climate Change: An Environmental Justice Perspective.

Michael Anthony Mendez - Ph.D. Candidate, Ford Foundation Fellow and UC Chancellor Fellow, Designated Emphasis in Science and Technology Studies, Title of research: Climate Change from the Streets: A Community-Based Framework for Addressing Local and Global Environmental Health Impacts

Denise Hoffner -

This workshop will address the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on communities of color. How are environmental and civil rights struggles intertwined? How can we best work at their intersection?

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Continuing from #5 in Session 1.