

Make a pledge

- United Nation’s scientists estimate that we need to make a 60-90% cut in greenhouse gas emissions to slow down and (possibly) reverse global climate change, and the rise in extreme weather conditions that the world is already seeing
- At the recent UN Climate Change conference in the Hague (November 2000) governments couldn’t even agree on a proposed 5.2% cut in greenhouse gas emissions
- Local Agenda 21 reckons that 2/3rds of the changes that need to be made to cut emissions will come from individual and community action



So what are you going to do???

Make a pledge to cut your contribution to climate chaos

The changes you make could be personal or domestic, or you could work with other people who want to take action against climate chaos. You could organise as a neighbourhood, as a group of friends, as a workplace, or as a campaign group. Make your pledge achievable, think about who can support you in your work and remember to celebrate your achievements.

A change I’m going to make, now!	Who or what can support me in this change (if needed)	When I’m going to look back and see if I’ve stuck to it
Get local schools to do an energy audit of their buildings	Parents, students, agenda 21 officer	Next term
Take action locally	My neighbours	Later this year
Buy locally produced food (less travel miles)	Is there a local farmers’ market?	Within next 2 months

Make a change as radical or as simple as you want. By the way, by asking what lifestyle changes we’re planning to make, we’re not letting the major players in producing climate chaos off the hook. We think that targetting the oil barons, governments and their friends, and working towards more systemic change goes hand-in-hand with reducing our own personal impact on the planet...