

# SWCI Regional Discovery Day

***Make a pledge, keep climate positive - The race to Carbon Neutral by 2050***

**SI St Austell and District**



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# How can I make a difference in the planetary emergency?

- ▶ There is no doubt that we are in a climate and nature emergency and the time to act is now.
- ▶ All over the world people like us are taking positive action for the planet. These actions are adding up to make a big difference. You can pledge to make a positive change in your life, right here and now.
- ▶ As SI St Austell & District we are passionate about the world we live in and wanted to show how we could take some small steps together, collaboratively, that WOULD have a positive impact on our world.
- ▶ We completed the workshop that you are about to take part in and talked about the problems we faced and how we could help to move the dial in the right direction.
- ▶ This activity and the actions we take are underpinned by a number of the SDGs that we assess as part of our Programme Action work.

# Which SDGs does this activity support?



Arguably, there are others, but these are firmly aligned to the pledges and impact they will have of put in place, maintained and cascaded further for others to learn about and embrace.

We can't expect someone else to sort this out, we have to be part of the solution.

# Workshop Activity

- ▶ You will find on the tables a worksheet that list 11 pledges.
- ▶ These are all things that can be tackled in bite size chunks.
- ▶ There will be things that we already do to make a positive change, but are there any others that you can commit to, to make a sustained change?
- ▶ Each table has been assigned one/two of the pledges to talk about further.
- ▶ You each have a pledge sheet as well.
- ▶ On your pledge sheet, we would like you to write down your commitment to things you could do to make a change.
- ▶ Put these in an envelope and seal this.
- ▶ You will then have the opportunity, in 1 years time to see if you have made and maintained those pledges.
- ▶ Are you a part of a positive solution?



### Care

Care for nature. Care for each other. Care for yourself.



### Learn

Think about your life and learn where stuff comes from. Ask those awkward questions.



### Reduce

Reduce your energy and water use, food waste and packaging...



### Reuse

Reuse, maintain, repair and share. Look after and value everything you have.



### Recycle

Recycle everything you can. Don't throw things 'away' – there's no such place.



### Grow

Grow plants for food, fuel, materials and medicine. For pleasure and beauty, shade and shelter, more wildlife and a stable climate.



### Eat

Eat more plants, less meat and dairy. Eat seasonal, local, sustainable. Respect your food and don't waste it.



### Compost

Compost your garden and kitchen 'waste'. Use it to feed the soil, feed your plants, lock down carbon and create habitats for wildlife.



### Buy

Buy wisely. Buy less. Choose products that care for the land and the living. Your wallet is your weapon.



### Travel

Fly less. Use public transport, walk or cycle if possible. If you have to drive, drive gently and go electric if you can.



### Push for change

Use your voice. Use your vote. Create a new normal. Act now. The future remains ours to make.

# Thank you everyone!

- ▶ If you would like to learn more about the small steps that you can take, please visit the Eden Project website.
- ▶ [Make a pledge, keep climate positive | Eden Project](#)
- ▶ This activity has been shared from a public pledge programme that Eden has been running for the last 2 years, encouraging all their visitors to think about the small changes they can make to collectively have a positive impact on our world.
- ▶ Remember there is no Plan(et) B!! This is the only one that we have.

