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CLIMATE TOOLKIT

WANT TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

Climate change is accelerating but many of our politicians are dragging their heels, blocking climate action legislation and doing nothing to protect us.

To stop climate change we need urgent action by our politicians. They really do care what their constituents think of them, so use your power and persuade them to act now. On the next page is a short guide to talking to them.

Every petition we sign, every protest or meeting we attend, helps us work towards a safe planet. If you want to act but don't have much time, or have lots of time but you're not sure what to do, check out this graph:

TIME + ENERGY

Contact your local politician
(see guide overleaf)

Join a local climate group
(find yours online at: <https://bit.ly/2Peol2J>)

Join a protest -
Check our social media to see when

Sign a petition
visit our website

COMMITMENT

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SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

HOW TO TALK TO POLITICIANS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

1 FIND YOUR LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Go to whoismytd.ie for TD and MEPs or your local county or city council website for Councillors.

2 PREPARE YOUR ASK

Whether you're phoning, emailing, writing to your TD or meeting them in person, it's a good idea to have an ASK - what do you want them to do? On the right you'll see some ideas.

3 COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

Introduce yourself and say that you are a constituent. Explain why you personally care about climate change.

4 FOLLOW UP

Your politician might push back and challenge your asks. Here's what you can say in return:

"I can't influence this, it's a local / national / EU level issue"

Ask them who to contact who can influence it, someone in their party if they're in one.

"We need fossil fuels for energy security"

The best way to create energy security is to reduce energy demand, invest urgently in renewable energy and break free from fossil fuels to ensure a safe planet.

WHAT CAN YOU ASK FOR?

END OFFSHORE DRILLING

Fossil fuels like oil and gas are the leading cause of climate change. Offshore drilling for fossil fuels, which is ongoing in Ireland, also has catastrophic impacts on marine life like whales, dolphins and coral reefs, fish stocks, and tourism in coastal areas.

HELP US TO GENERATE OUR OWN ENERGY

Currently any excess energy generated by people from solar panels on their homes goes unused. In many other countries, people can sell this excess back to the grid. Implementing this policy in Ireland would provide a valuable source of income for farmers, schools, sports clubs and more.

SUPPORT A "JUST TRANSITION"

We need to switch from fossil fuels to renewable energy, but it is essential that workers and communities in fossil fuel industries like peat and coal are protected from any negative impacts of this transition. Ireland urgently needs a well-resourced Just Transition Commission.

BAN FRACKED GAS IMPORTATION

We banned fracking in Ireland because it has appalling health and environmental impacts, but private companies are proposing to import huge quantities of fracked gas into Ireland from the US via liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals in Cork and Kerry.



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