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**E3**

# CLIMATE CHANGE & CARBON LITERACY

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# SLIDE NAVIGATION



Click on the Info icon, or link beside it for additional resources



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Indicates recourses specific to Canada

# CLIMATE CHANGE & CARBON LITERACY

# SESSION OVERVIEW

## AGENDA

1. An Introduction to Responsible Management Education (RME) at Conestoga College
2. An Introduction to Carbon Literacy Training Module 1: the Science of Climate Change
  - 2.1 Causes of Climate Change
  - 2.2 The Greenhouse Effect
  - 2.3 Global Impacts
  - 2.4 The Future we Want

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand how RME shapes strategic direction at Conestoga College
- Describe and explain the science of climate change
- Describe how the climate crisis impacts us as an individual and collectively and what we can do about it



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# 1.0 RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT

# EDUCATION (RME)

- Alert, alert, alert: our current trajectory is unsustainable!
- Business serves to gain by solving the very problems they created
- Leading business schools have recognized the need to prepare future leaders to solve these "wicked" challenges
  - Evidence of commitment is now required by major accreditation bodies
  - Business school ranking systems are increasingly incorporating themes of RME
  - Stakeholder demand



Learn more about PRME & RME: [Blueprint for SDG Integration](#)



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## 1.1 CONESTOGA COLLEGE & PRME

**PRME** Principles for Responsible Management Education

*an initiative of the United Nations Global Compact*



Purpose



Research



Values



Partnership



Method



Dialogue



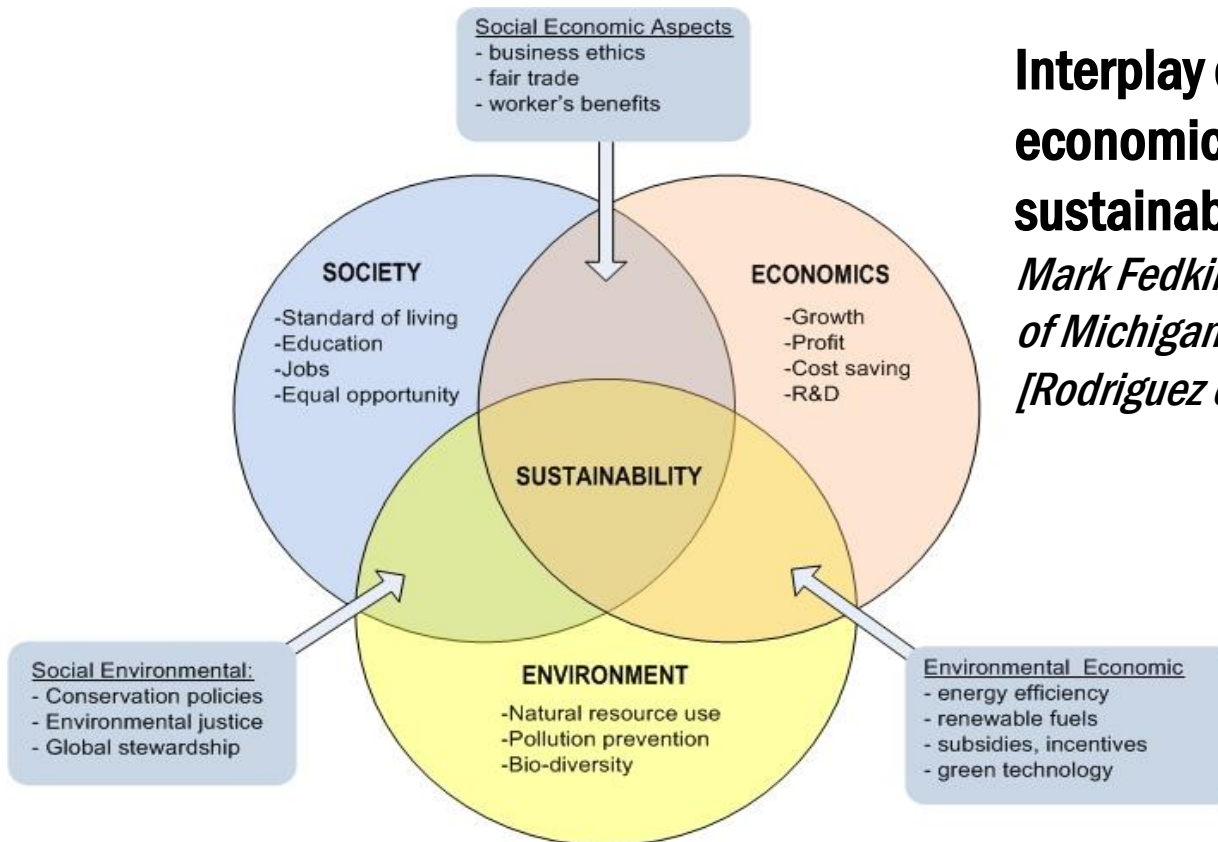
Learn more about [PRME](#), the [SDGs](#), and Canada's plan, [here!](#)



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## 1.2 SUSTAINABLE MINDSET



**Interplay of the environmental, economic, and social aspects of sustainable development**

*Mark Fedkin. Adopted from the University of Michigan Sustainability Assessment [Rodriguez et al., 2002]*

# CLIMATE CHANGE & CARBON LITERACY 2.0 INTRODUCTION

Carbon Literacy is, “an awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organizational basis.”



(Carbon Literacy Trust, 2022)



Learn more about [The Carbon Literacy Project](#)



**CARBON  
LITERACY  
TRAINING**

# **PROGRAM SESSIONS**



To become certified, you must complete all four modules and successfully complete an assessment

- 1** The Science of Climate Change
- 2** Carbon & Canada
- 3** Global Impacts & Response
- 4** Take Action!

# CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

# QUIZ: WHERE ARE WE AT?



## Steps:

1. Visit

<https://kahoot.it>

2. Enter game PIN

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# COP 26 & WEF

*“The results of the COP26 climate summit in late 2021 did not please everyone...”* ([WEF, 2021](#))



*“If we continue to stick our heads in the ground...not like sensible, long-term people, if we continue to do that, we will undoubtedly face...the consequences.”*

([David Puttnam, 2014](#))

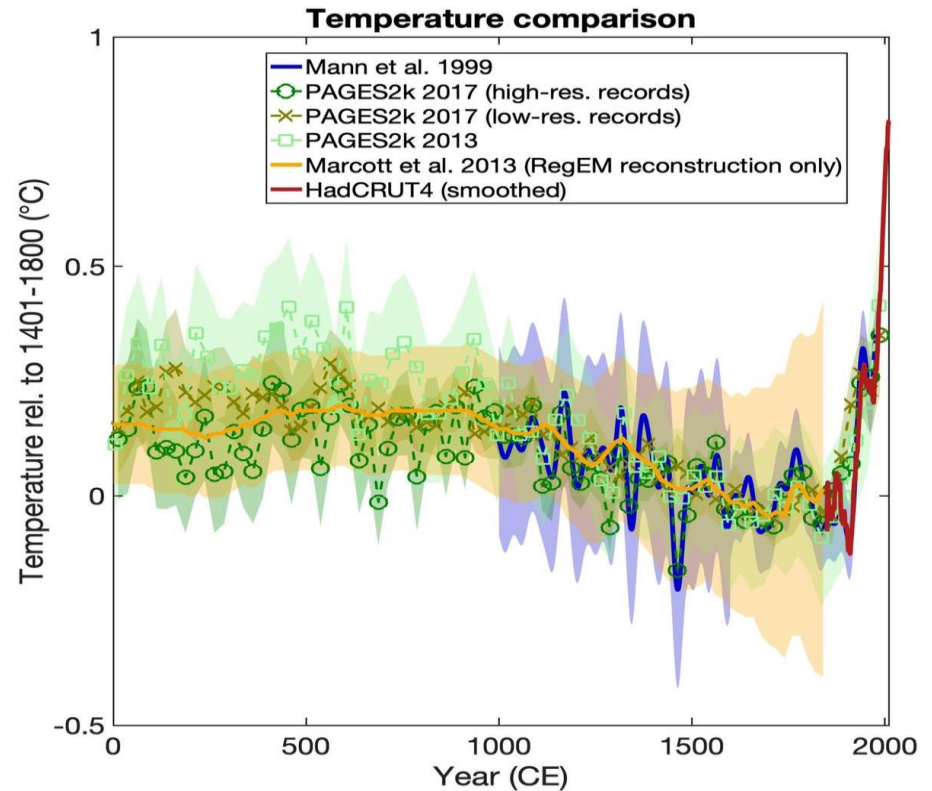
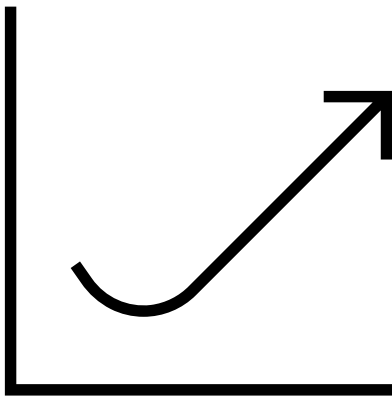


Climate action failure ranked as the #1 global risk. Learn more in the World Economic Forum's 2022 [Global Risks Report](#)

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# CLIMATE CHANGE

## 'The Hockey Stick'



Link to the infamous [Hockey Stick](#) article, the [controversy](#), and [fact check](#)



## **2.1 WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE?**

**UNMUTE; USE CHAT BOX OR  
THE ANNOTATE FEATURE**



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# CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

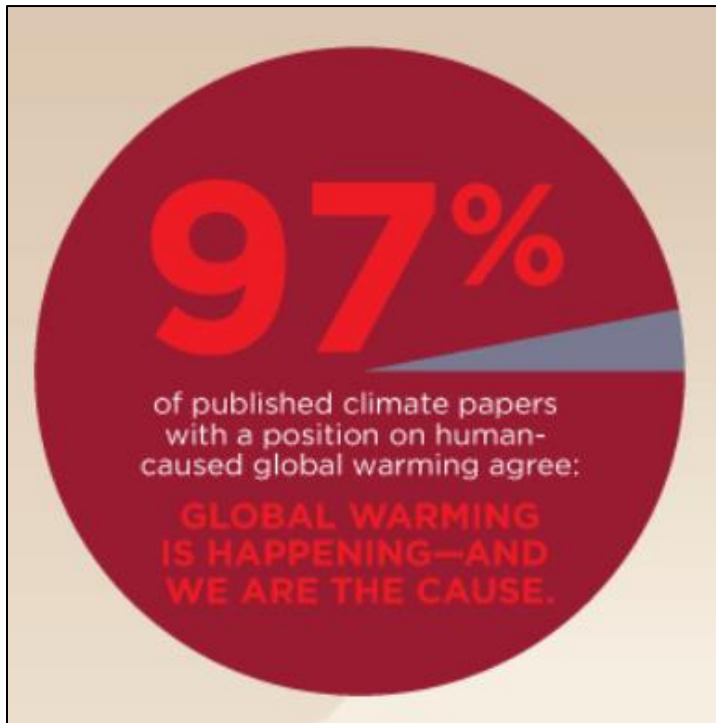
The Science of  
Climate Change

		Possible Explanations					
		The Sun	Orbital Changes	El Niño	Volcanos	Natural GHGs	Human GHGs
Observations	Global CO2 higher than any time in past 10-15 million years	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
	Nights warming faster than days	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
	Winters warming faster than summers	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
	More CO2 in the air with a fossil fuel signature	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
	Less oxygen in the air	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
	Long-term stratospheric cooling	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

Source: [Climate Atlas, 2021](#)

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# CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE II



- Consensus has been achieved: NASA, Intergovernmental Bodies, Scientific Societies, and a list of [200+ global organizations](#) that agree climate change is human caused
- What if we are incorrect – the precautionary principle



Source & more about [The Consensus Project](#).

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# CLIMATE CHANGE 101

Click on the  for more info.



Weather vs. climate



Global warming vs. climate change



Natural vs. anthropogenic drivers of  
variation



Climate change is real!



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# 2.2 THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT



The result is *'like a greenhouse, where the glass is too thick'*.



Read more about [the Greenhouse Effect](#).

Since the industrial  
revolution...

concentrations of GHGs  
have increased,

contributing to rising  
temperatures,

resulting in climate  
change.



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# THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT II



Source: [National Geographic, 2017](#)



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# GREENHOUSE GASES

*“The concentration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in our atmosphere, as of July 2021, is the highest it has been in human history.”* [\(Conservation International, 2022\)](#)

Greenhouse Gas		Pre-industrial levels (1750)	Current levels (2021)
Carbon Dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	280 ppm	419 ppm
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	715 ppb	1893 ppb
Nitrous Oxide	N <sub>2</sub> O	270 ppb	333 ppb
Chlorofluorocarbons	CFC	0 ppm	~653 ppt

[IPCC, 2021](#)  
[NOAA, 2021](#)



Source & more info on [GHG levels.](#)



Info. on [Canadian GHG emissions.](#)



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# TYPES OF GHGS

## Global greenhouse gas emissions by gas

Greenhouse gas emissions are converted to carbon dioxide-equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>eq) by multiplying each gas by its 100-year 'global warming potential' value: the amount of warming one tonne of the gas would create relative to one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> over a 100-year timescale. This breakdown is shown for 2016.

Our World  
in Data



OurWorldinData.org – Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.  
Source: Climate Watch, the World Resources Institute (2020).

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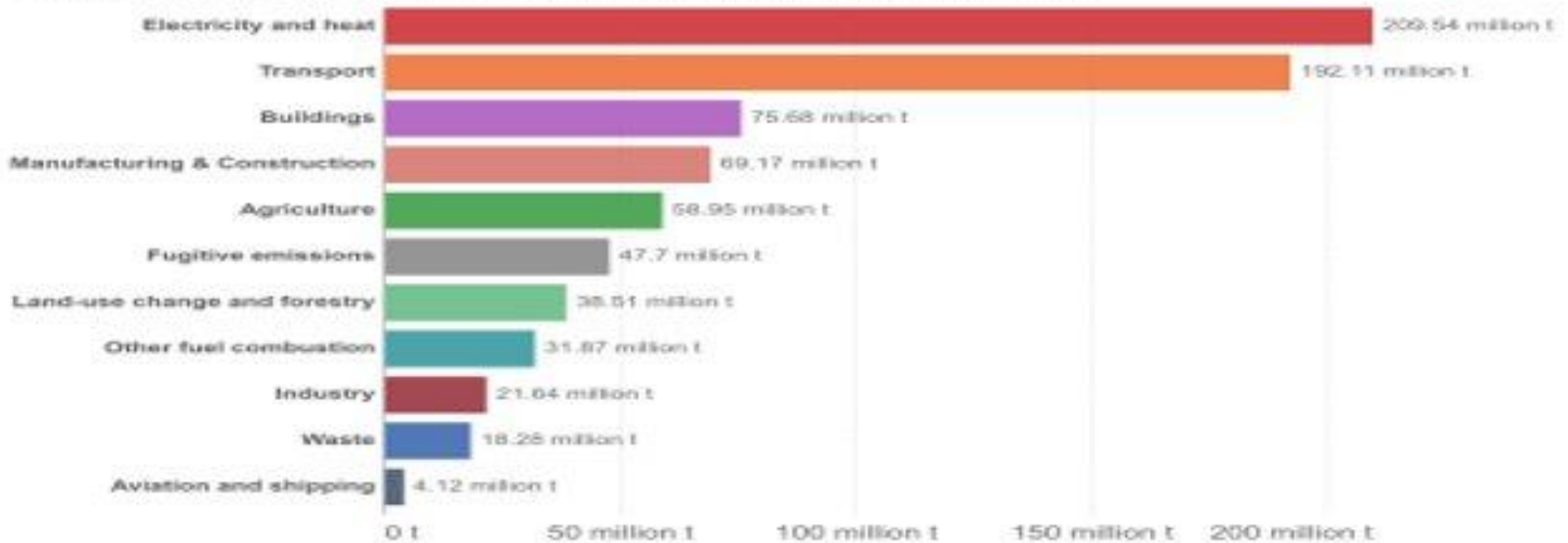
Source: [Our World in Data, 2020](https://ourworldindata.org).

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# GHG EMISSIONS BY SECTOR - CND

## Greenhouse gas emissions by sector, Canada, 2018

Greenhouse gas emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e).



Source: CAIT Climate Data Explorer via Climate Watch

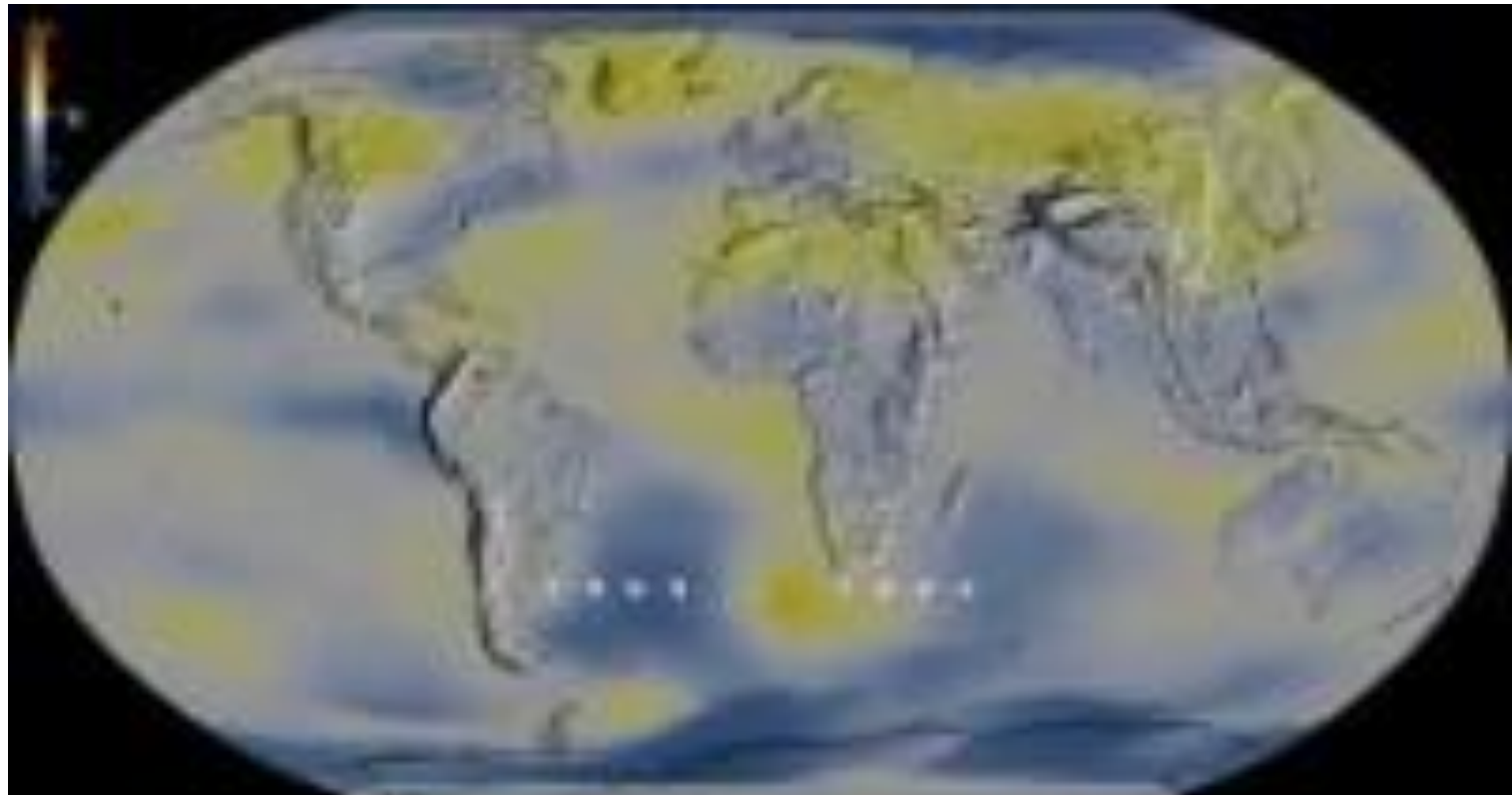
OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-other-greenhouse-gas-emissions - CC BY



Source: [Our World in Data](https://ourworldindata.org), 2018

# 'WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD'

*"Earth's global average surface temperature in 2021 tied with 2018 as the sixth warmest year on record, according to an analysis by NASA."*



Source & more information: [from NASA.](#)



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# GLOBAL IMPACTS

The Science of  
Climate Change

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Four horizontal teal bars stacked vertically, serving as a template for notes or content.





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# GLOBAL IMPACTS

The Science of  
Climate Change

Decreasing ice-cover

Rising sea-level & temp.

Increasing surface temperatures

Ocean circulation changes

More severe storms

Increased drought

Loss of species

Changed growing seasons

Food shortage

Soil erosion

Poverty & displacement



**i** Source: [Sixth Assessment Report — IPCC 2021.](#)

**i** Source: [NASA, 2022.](#)

ACTIVITY



# EN-ROADS

## Climate Simulator



Visit the [En-Roads Simulator](#)

‘Business as Usual’, or in  
other words **inaction**  
results in:

**+3.6°C**

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**+6.5°F**

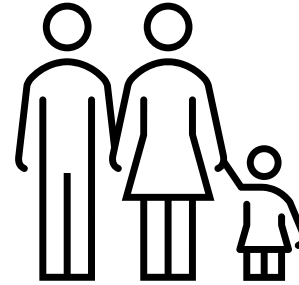
**Temperature  
Increase by  
2100**



# THE FUTURE WE WANT?

*If we continue  
'business as usual',  
how will this impact:*

## Your life?



Family?



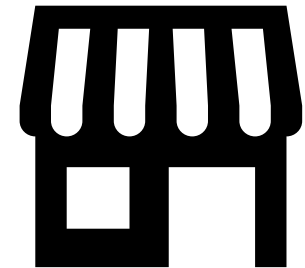
Jobs?



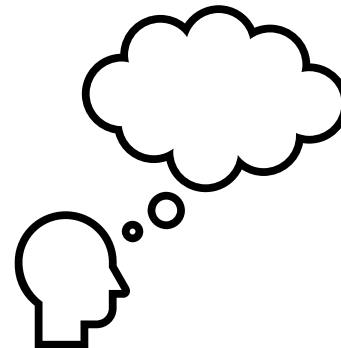
Home?



Car?



Business?



# CLIMATE CHANGE 101 SUMMARY WITH BILL NYE



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# POST CHECK IN



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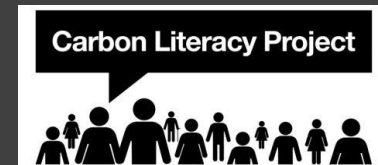
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