

Expert Witness

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What is your passion / specialism / position on solutions to the climate crisis?

I have a few passions on net zero that I bang on about regularly!

We need to have a positive vision of an exciting future that people can get excited about, that we need to take people with us at every step and leave no-one behind, it needs to be local so that people feel it is done by them and for them rather than to them...

After that, we need to convince people that it's a real emergency and that we need to act with urgency, and we need to focus on the practical delivery and that means looking at finance...

But we need new capacities to do all of this – and climate commissions can play a central role in bringing people and communities together and enabling them to act!

Here are a few links setting out what I do:

<https://pcancities.org.uk>

<https://www.leedsclimate.org.uk>

<https://yorksandhumberclimate.org.uk>



Cynulliad Hinsawdd
Climate Assembly

Thinking about critics and/or alternative views to that which you have put forward above – what would others say about your perspective and idea?

That I care a bit but basically can't be bothered

That no-one else is acting so why should I/we

That it's all about hair shirts and sacrifice

That it's not affordable

That it will cost jobs and limit lives

Use this final part of your presentation to help Assembly members better understand your position in relation to others and what that means for addressing the question that they have been set.

This is a positive opportunity for a better future in your community. New capacities are needed to help unlock this opportunity – you can come together to develop these and there's support available to help!