



The Climate Consensus

Creating a multi-institution outreach network to improve climate literacy

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WHO WE ARE

The Climate Consensus is a network of concerned students, faculty, and staff from eight universities, and all walks of life, who seek to inspire the next generation of scientists to speak up for truth and our future. We believe that together, we can change the climate conversation, and motivate real action.

VISION

We seek to create a more informed public on the topic of human-caused climate change by promoting constructive dialog between scientists and the community.

MISSION

Our goal is to empower current and upcoming scientists to engage in climate change outreach. We strive to establish pipelines between social and physical scientists and to ultimately create a culture shift within academia and the broader science community.



OUR STORY

The Climate Consensus began in 2014 at Northern Vermont University when two Atmospheric Sciences students approached their professor with a desire to improve climate change literacy. Students, faculty, and staff began meeting regularly to discuss the climate crisis and to explore ways to communicate the urgency to the public. The group has since engaged with schools, community members, and organizations around Vermont and the surrounding region.

In 2021, we expanded to include students and scientists from other universities and organizations. These representatives now meet regularly to discuss how they and others at their home institutions are engaging in climate outreach. In addition, we are establishing The Climate Consensus Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This will provide opportunities to build capacity for outreach work in our communities. We plan to use philanthropic gifts and grant funding to support current and upcoming scientists who are interested in engaging in this work.

INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING?

We are expanding our reach by extending an invitation to other graduate students and faculty who might be interested in serving as Climate Consensus representatives. By sharing resources and best practices, learning from each other's successes and failures, providing technical and moral support, we have an immense opportunity to shape public opinion on this topic.

As a representative, your duties will include participating in monthly virtual meetings with representatives from other universities, planning and facilitating department or campus-level meetings, and coordinating outreach events in your region. There are also opportunities to volunteer as a member of a working group and to provide/receive support for others who are engaged in this work.

If you are a graduate student or faculty member who is interested in serving as a representative, please complete a short form which can be found at theclimateconsensus.com/representative or by scanning this QR Code.



Questions? Contact Janel Hanrahan at Janel.Hanrahan@NorthernVermont.edu.



"Joining The Climate Consensus gave me the confidence and resources to speak about climate change to friends, family, and members of my community."

- Andrew Westgate, PhD student, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

"I am constantly amazed by my students' passion and energy. When provided with resources and a bit of encouragement, our students will change the world."

- Janel Hanrahan, Director of The Climate Consensus and Associate Professor, Northern Vermont University

"I loved getting the opportunity to talk to high school student about climate change!"

- Arianna Varuolo-Clarke, PhD student, Columbia University

