



50 resources on climate justice

A directory for Quakers

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(with materials for kids too!)

The Quaker Peace & Social Witness Economics & Sustainability Team has put together this directory of climate justice resources in formats to suit all preferences, including articles, books, films, podcasts, and games.

Use these to learn as an individual, to study and enjoy them with your family, or to organise your own online reading group or film club!

This is by no means a definitive or complete directory of climate justice resources, and was put together within a short timeframe in order for it to be available to you as Quaker Peace & Social Witness staff go on furlough due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

We encourage you to use the list at your own pace and to pick out any resources and themes that resonate with you, in whatever order you like.

Some of the pieces are challenging and grapple with issues that might feel uncomfortable, but we know that you will approach them with open hearts and minds, and we really look forward to hearing your insights and reflections.

Please email us if you would like to share your reflections on any of these resources or your experiences of using the list. Contact details are at the end of the directory.

We won't be able to respond until May 31st at earliest while furloughing continues, but we look forward to continuing this conversation with you once we are able to return to work.

Articles

1. [Bali Principles for Climate Justice](#)

Shared principles to redefine climate change from a human rights and environmental justice perspective adopted in 2002 in Johannesburg by an international coalition of groups gathered for the Earth Summit.

2. ['Greenhouse Gangsters vs. Climate Justice'](#)

A seminal report written in 1999 by the Transnational Resource and Action Center about the fossil fuel industry, global warming, climate justice and just transition.

3. [Jemez Principles for Democratic Organising](#)

Shared principles for democratic organising adopted in 1996 in Jemez, New Mexico by 40 participants from different cultures, politics and organisations.

4. ['Why a 'Green New Deal' must be decolonial'](#)

An article written in 2019 by Vijay Kolinjivadi on why the Green New Deal will not work unless it dismantles neocolonial structures exploiting nature and people.

5. ['Building the climate movement we need'](#)

An article written in 2019 by Gabriel Carlyle of Divest East Sussex on where XR and the climate movement need to go now.

6. ['An open letter to Extinction Rebellion'](#)

A letter written in 2019 by the Wretched of the Earth grassroots collective to XR on a foundational set of principles and demands that are rooted in justice which are crucial for the whole movement to consider as we continue constructing a response to the 'climate emergency'.

7. ['A Green New Deal must deliver global justice'](#)

An article written in 2019 by Asad Rehman of War on Want on how we must target the international inequalities at the root of the crisis in order to tackle climate change.

8. [How climate change and colonialism are spurring mass migration: The violent roots of today's unprecedented displacement](#)

An article written in February by Tamira Amin discussing the inextricable links between colonialism, climate change and migration.

9. [Space for movement?](#)

Reflections from Bolivia on climate justice, social movements and the state. Includes an in-depth look into the complex relationships and interactions between grassroots social movements and international climate summits.

10. [Just Transition Zine](#)

A training tool from Movement Generation that offers a framework for a fair shift to an economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all its members. It is full of visuals, stand-alone sections, and curriculum ideas.

Films & documentaries

1. [Demain](#) (link to Transition network screening rights options)

Positive, affirming and inspirational film, exploring creative solutions in the fields of food, energy, transport, economics and education.

Guidance: This film is recommended for ages 10+ and contains no scenes that would be inappropriate for children.

2. [Keepers of the Coast](#) (link to watch online free)

A close look at how the Kitasoo/Xai'Xais, Heiltsuk, Nuxalk and Weikinuxv Nations are stewarding their marine territories along their marine territories along the central coast of British Columbia.

Guidance: This film is recommended for ages 15+ and contains no scenes that would be inappropriate for children.

3. [Inventing Tomorrow](#) (link to lesson plans and various rental options online)

Motivated by the issues and problems they've witnessed in their own communities, students from Indonesia, India, Mexico and Hawaii dream up ingenious solutions to confront the world's environmental threats.

Guidance: This is recommended for ages 8+ and contains no scenes that would be inappropriate for children.

4. [If not us then who](#) (link to watch online free)

If Not Us Then Who Short Docs communicate firsthand the unique personal stories of indigenous peoples, as they battle to protect their lives, their cultures and our forests.

Guidance: This website hosts many short films, some with upsetting content and content that may be inappropriate for children.

5. [Blueheart](#) (link to watch online free)

Interactive website and documentary from outdoor wear company Patagonia about the fight for Europe's last wild rivers.

Guidance: This is recommended for ages 12+. It contains some scenes of police violence and upsetting themes of environmental destruction and oppression.

6. [When Two Worlds Collide](#) (link to Netflix)

A hard look at how indigenous peoples clashed violently with the Peruvian government over land and economics in the Amazon.

Guidance: This is recommended for ages 15+. It contains scenes of violence and death and upsetting themes.

7. [The Condor and the Eagle](#) (link to trailer)

Four Indigenous environmental leaders embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian plains to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of "Climate Justice".

Guidance: There is no official age guidance for this film but we would recommend 13/14+. It contains upsetting themes but no graphic scenes as far as we're aware.

8. [The Island of All Together](#) (link to watch online free)

Conversations between European tourist and refugees arriving in Lesbos, Greece. An ode to humanism and shows what happens when we take time to sit down and talk with each other instead of about each other.

Guidance: Suitable for all ages.

9. [Forgotten Bird of Paradise](#) (link to watch online free)

Multi-award winning undercover documentary about the ongoing struggle for freedom being fought by the people of West Papua living under Indonesian occupation.

Guidance: There is no official age guidance for this film but we would recommend 13/14+. It contains upsetting themes of war and genocide and discussions of violence, including mentions of sexual violence.

10. [Beasts of the Southern Wild](#) (link to rent from the BFIplayer)

A fantastical film about a young girl living in a bayou community cut off from the rest of the world. She grapples with the gravity of the changed and changing climate, in a journey to try to save her home.

Guidance: This is recommended for ages 13+. It contains some violence, depictions of drug and alcohol use and some swearing.

Books

1. ['Climate Futures'](#) Various authors

Approaching the issues of climate change and climate justice from a range of diverse perspectives including those of culture, gender, indigeneity, race, and sexuality, as well as challenging colonial histories and capitalist presents, Climate Futures boldly addresses the apparent inevitability of climate chaos.

2. ['The Climate Resistance Handbook'](#) (link to download for free)

An e-book by David Hunter (with a foreword by Greta Thunberg) full of stories of climate warriors from around the globe and historical movements. It's filled with practical wisdom and inspiration to make you more effective, more active, and ready for what's next.

3. ['Will the Flower Slip Through the Asphalt?'](#) Various authors

Naomi Klein, delivering the Edward Said lecture, links the question of climate with the question of occupation (with Palestine as the focus). Klein points out that those who are 'othered' will be the first victims of the climate catastrophe. This volume collects Naomi Klein's superb essay, along with reactions from important writers who live across the globe.

4. ['History of the World in Seven Cheap Things'](#) Raj Patel & Jason W. Moore

Nature, money, work, care, food, energy, and lives: these are the seven things that have made our world and will shape its future. In making these things cheap, modern commerce has transformed, governed, and devastated the Earth.

5. ['Our History is the Future'](#) Nick Estes

Tracing the traditions of Indigenous resistance that led to the #NoDAPL movement. Our History Is the Future is at once a work of history, a manifesto, and an intergenerational story of resistance.

6. ['Emergent Strategy'](#) Adrienne Maree Brown

Inspired by Octavia Butler's explorations of our human relationship to change, Emergent Strategy is radical self-help, society-help, and planet-help designed to shape the futures we want to live. Change is constant. The world is in a continual state of flux. It is a stream of ever-mutating, emergent patterns. Rather than steel ourselves against such change, this book invites us to feel, map, assess, and learn from the swirling patterns around us in order to better understand and influence them as they happen.

7. [‘Natives’](#) Akala

Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, Natives will speak directly to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.

8. [‘Jackson Rising’](#) Cooperation Jackson

A chronicle of one of the most dynamic experiments in radical social transformation in the United States. The book documents the ongoing organising and institution-building of the political forces concentrated in Jackson, Mississippi dedicated to advancing the “[Jackson-Kush Plan](#)”.

9. [‘Where Vultures Feast’](#) Ike Okonta and Oronto Douglas

A devastating case against the world's largest oil company, demonstrating how (in contrast to Shell's public profile) irresponsible practices have degraded agricultural land and left a people destitute.

10. [‘Violent Borders’](#) Reece Jones

A major new exploration of the refugee crisis, focusing on how borders are formed and policed.

Podcasts & webinars

1. [Next Economy Now](#)

Next Economy Now highlights the leaders who are taking a regenerative, bio-regional, equitable, transparent, and whole-systems approach to using business as a force for good.

2. [Upstream](#)

Upstream shares radical ideas and inspiring stories for a just transition to a more beautiful and equitable world.

3. [Irresistible](#) (formerly Healing justice)

Irresistible celebrates the many traditions of movement leaders, cultural workers, and spiritual teachers who remind us to embody the liberation we are pursuing and who show us that our movements for justice can and must be expansive, vibrant, and fully alive.

4. [Just cause with Derek A Bardowell](#)

Derek A. Bardowell is a writer, philanthropy adviser and former director of programmes at the Stephen Lawrence Trust and Laureus Sport for Good.

5. [Brave New Words](#)

Brave New Words takes listeners on a journey around the globe with renowned communications researcher and campaign advisor Anat Shenker-Osorio as she unpacks real-world narrative shifts that led to real-world victories.

6. [Change Everything](#)

Change Everything is a podcast by people who are freaking out about climate, racism, and inequality... and thinking through solutions as big as the crises we face.

7. [Utopia Dispatch](#) – Episode 2.7 A Climate of Hope - Climate Justice: A Question of Survival

Utopia Dispatch is a podcast about reimagining the future and reshaping the world.

8. [Jacobin Radio](#) – We need a Green New Deal for Housing

Podcasts from Jacobin magazine.

9. **The Leap** (webinars)

The Leap's mission is to advance a radically hopeful vision for how we can address climate change by building a more just world, while building movement power and popular support to transform it into a lived reality.

a. [Prison abolition and climate justice](#)

b. [Putting climate justice on the bargaining table: Labour and the Green New Deal](#)

10. [On fire: the book club](#)

Virtual book club series, discussing big ideas from Naomi Klein's new book, 'On Fire: The Burning Case for a Green New Deal'.

Games & learning resources for kids

With huge thanks to Woodcraft Folk whose resources make up many of these suggestions!

1. [Climate Kids](#)

A series of online games and ideas for activities for kids from NASA.

2. [Making change activity card](#) (6+)

Practice the skills needed to make change in your community by making a placard, speaking to an audience or the media.

3. [Poverty and pollution activity card](#) (for 6+)

A discussion and creative activity to explore the combined effects of poverty and pollution.

4. [Climate refugees activity card](#) (6+)

Families in some parts of the world are already having to flee their homes due to the effects of climate change - this activity explores some of their stories.

5. [Reparations activity card](#) (6+)

Many of those hit hardest by climate change are the least able to make changes based on injustices they face. Reparations are about us using our privilege to support them.

6. **Impact Game**

Everyone stands in a circle. Without telling anyone, each person chooses another person to copy.

When you say go, everyone has to try to stand as still as possible, but people will inevitably make small movements. Each participant should copy their chosen person's movements, but exaggerate them just slightly.

The game ends when everyone is jumping in the air or rolling on the floor! This game shows how small changes can have a large impact.

7. Energy Game

Explain that there are different types of fuel we use to get energy. Some of these are called 'fossil fuels'. These are coal, oil and gas. They are dirty to use, and the gases they give off are making the earth warmer. There are sources of energy that do not have a bad effect on the environment. These include power from wind, waves, the sun, and rivers.

Call out different words, and the group should respond with different actions as follows: wind (run around the room blowing), waves (swim around the room), sun (stand still with eyes closed, lying in the sun), rivers (spin arms around each other in front like a turbine).

Occasionally shout 'fossil fuels'. At this everyone should sit down in a ball (like a piece of coal) and shout back 'no thank you'.

Stop when everyone gets tired!

8. [Why is climate change so unfair?](#)

Taken from Grist's [Climate 101](#) educational series for parents and K-12 educators, these 3 lessons explore environmental justice and just transition.

9. [Extra Credit Catastrophe Game](#)

A game designed to generate discussion about climate ethics, including distributive justice, procedural fairness, transparency, priority for the worst off, climate finance, and Catriona McKinnon's paper, "[Runaway Climate Change: A Justice-Based Case for Precautions](#)" (on which the game is based).

10. [Earth Primer](#) (link to website with options to purchase for download)

A science book you can play with! The game/book/art walks you through the geological forces that shape our planet, from the movement of magma boiling at its core to the mechanics of the glaciers sliding over its surface.

Each page bears a brief paragraph outlining the basic science, but mostly the explanations are a frame for animated dioramas where you can apply these concepts for yourself.

Films for kids

1. [Pom Poko](#) (Link to Chili)

A Japanese anime tale of survival about the Raccoons of the Tama Hills being forced from their homes by the rapid development of houses and shopping malls.

2. [Princess Mononoke](#) (Link to Netflix)

A prince infected with a lethal curse sets off to find a cure and lands in the middle of a battle between a mining town and the animals of the forest.

Books for kids

1. [‘The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind’](#) William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

A powerful story about fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba whose Malawi village was hit by a drought causing everyone’s crops to fail. Persevering against the odds, William built a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps and became the local hero who harnessed the wind.

2. [‘Islandborn’](#) Junot Diaz

A celebration of creativity, diversity, and our imagination’s boundless ability to connect us— to our families, to our past and to ourselves.

3. [‘The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees’](#) Wangari Maathai, illustrated by Aurelia Fronty

This elegantly illustrated book celebrates how Wangari Maathai changed the way the world thinks about nature, ecology, freedom, and democracy, inspiring radical efforts that continue to this day.

4. '[Greta and the Giants](#)' Zoe Tucker, illustrated by Zoe Persico

The story of a young girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by giants.

We hope you find these resources useful!

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