



ACAN invites you to join a small face to face discussion to reflect on whether climate change really is an emergency.

Alton Community Centre (Main Hall)  
Friday 13th November from 7 to 9 pm  
[altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com)

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ACAN would like to invite a group of 12 local citizens to reflect on what they think and feel about taking action to tackle the climate emergency, using the tried and tested **Philosophy for Communities (P4C)** approach.

**Where:** Alton Community Centre (Main Hall)  
**When:** 7 to 9 pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
**Book:** email [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) to book a place  
**Group size is limited to 12 but we could run further sessions if needed.**

The session will be led by an accredited/trained P4C practitioner, **Steve Gerlach**.  
(The group will be socially distanced and no mingling will be permitted)

P4C is a structured, democratic and co-operative process to discuss difficult and complex issues, and to explore some of the deeper reasons why we think and act as we do (for more information, see below). The outcome of the session will help to inform ACAN's strategy for the next phase of its work.

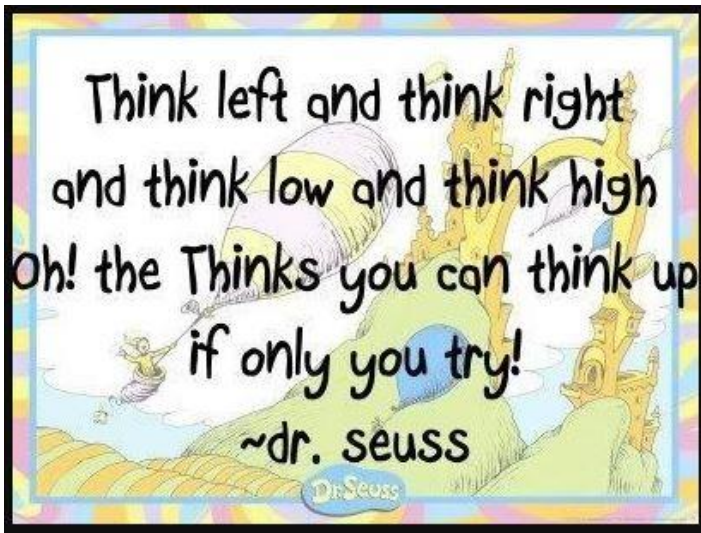
We are sure it will be a very interesting discussion.

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More about Philosophy for Communities:

**Community Philosophy empowers people in any context to be active citizens and to generate ideas at a grassroots level.**

This is about thinking together in a non-confrontational and truly democratic way.



Concepts are questioned.  
Power shifts, minds change and preconceptions are discarded.  
Relationships strengthen as people come to understand one another.

This is because (unlike other meetings and discussions) **Community Philosophy steadfastly focuses on process – not outcomes.** That process is caring, collaborative, critical and creative. Together, people work out what really matters, what's possible, and what they can do. It's a rich, deeply rewarding experience.

At the heart of the process is the **Community of Enquiry** - People working together (Community), collaborating to explore ideas through formulating meaningful/philosophical questions (Enquiry) which they ask of each other.

Within a safe, supportive and guided environment, people of widely differing views can discuss questions which have been formulated and chosen by the members of the group. It is a democratic process. A facilitator keeps things on track and guides the process through it's 10 stages, the group discussion should be self-guided as far as possible.

The process allows participants time to think carefully and deeply about a concept. It encourages participants to engage with others who have different views to their own. Disagreements are fine, indeed necessary, so that participants look for and open up to explanations and reasons for views expressed.

The process is not designed to produce a definitive 'answer' and it is definitely not about 'winning the argument'.

For more information see:

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