

350

SOLUTIONS TIME TO GET TO WORK FOR A 350 WORLD!



Make no mistake, getting the planet back to the safety-zone below 350ppm won't be easy.

We need a worldwide renewable energy revolution, with our whole planet working together across all sectors of society, with everyone moving at record-speed. Simple, right? But if we rise to this challenge, a path to 350ppm offers a huge opportunity to rethink the way we organize our communities, economies, and energy systems. This kind of effort will only be possible if citizens like you "Get to Work" and demand your leaders do too!

Local Solutions

Getting back to 350 is a unique opportunity to remake our communities in ways that are healthier, more locally self-sufficient, and honor traditional and indigenous wisdom. We can get away from relying so heavily on sources of fuel and food that come from far away, and instead grow more of our own food locally, ride bicycles and public transit, depend on local energy systems like wind and solar, and create economies that aren't dependent upon limitless growth. These types of solutions help create communities that are not only friendlier to our climate, but are also healthier for our children's lungs and our collective well-being.



Global Solutions

So what would it take to get back to 350ppm at the global level? According to NASA's Jim Hansen and other leading scientists, here's what we have to do right away:

Stop Coal

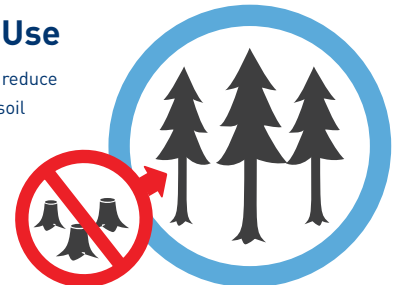
The number one way to cut emissions quickly and get back to 350ppm is to stop burning dirty coal as soon as possible.

Without coal, we must find a way to make cheap, renewable energy widely available in order to ensure all communities the right to develop cleanly.



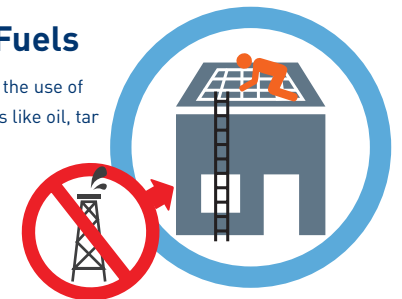
Improve Land Use

At the same time, we must reduce deforestation and improve soil conservation to allow our natural ecosystems that absorb CO₂, called "sinks", to take some of the excess carbon out of the atmosphere.



Cut All Fossil Fuels

We must drastically reduce the use of all other types of fossil fuels like oil, tar sands, and natural gas as soon as possible.



The 10/10/10 Global Work Party

On 10/10/10, join thousands of communities around the world and "Get to Work" building the kind of local, sustainable community you want to see for your city or town. Citizens will work all year with 350.org and our partner 10:10 to cut carbon emissions locally, culminating in a big project on 10/10/10 involving your whole community - think a new cycle path, community garden, or solar panels for the local school. Visit www.350.org/1010 for ideas and to sign up!



Kids plant 350 trees in 350 seconds in Barbados on 24 Oct, 2009

Reducing Vulnerability

Even if we stopped burning all carbon today, we would still experience some severe impacts from global warming because of the amount of carbon we've already put in the atmosphere. Knowing this, we have to make sure that the communities affected first and worst receive assistance to cope with these changes. That means developed countries must provide funding for adaptation, to help with locally-driven sustainable development around the world.

350 is a challenging goal, but it also signifies a huge opportunity to remake our communities, developing more resilient, healthy, local communities.



350.org is an international grassroots campaign that aims to mobilize a global climate movement united by a common call to action. 350 parts per million (PPM) of CO₂ is the number that leading scientists say is the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. To get there, we need a different kind of PPM—a "people powered movement" that is made up of people like you in every corner of the planet.

Visit www.350.org or contact organizers@350.org to get involved.

Getting to 350 might sound tough, but think of all the positive changes we can make along the way:

RENEWABLE ENERGY



PROTECTING FORESTS



CLEAN TRANSPORTATION



IMPROVE EFFICIENCY



Resources for local climate solutions

- The 10:10 Campaign - www.1010global.org

- Transition Towns - www.transitionnetwork.org

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