

THIS! Is What We Did

How YOU Can Fight Climate Change NOW

When we understand how big and destructive runaway climate change is and how quickly it is coming down the pike at us, we want to know, "What can I do now?" Here are four actions you can take right now to make a difference because so many other people are also taking them.

- 1) **Learn how to have effective climate conversations and have LOTS of them.** Talking about climate change with lots of people can help move climate change action into the Overton Window (<https://thisiswhatwedid.org/how-policy-changes/>), which is the conceptual space where issues get covered by the media and government tries to deal with them. **Talk is not cheap; it's powerful!**

THIS! Is What We Did offers Effective Climate Conversations classes. Get info & sign up here: <https://thisiswhatwedid.org/become-effective-at-climate-change-conversations/>

- 2) **Move your money** from the climate-bad banks that are financing the fossil fuel development threatening the planet. The four worst climate-bad banks are Chase, Citibank, Wells Fargo and Bank of America.
 - a) Take the Third Act pledge to move your money if these climate-bad banks don't clean up their act: <https://thirdact.org/act/bank-on-our-future-pledge/>.
 - b) It can take time to divest from a climate-bad bank. Start the process now with our DIY materials, Cohorts, or Office Hours program: <https://thisiswhatwedid.org/move-your-money/>.
 - c) If you're not able to move your money, you can still sign the pledge above and continue to advocate as a customer. Let your bank know that you plan to leave if they don't stop funding fossil fuel projects. Use the Customers for Climate Justice Organizer's Toolbox: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14O-CFMSEZKuFvApoHecoQVEi9mNVv5CKGINwk0AwI0M/edit>
- 3) **Help magnify the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).** Generous tax credits kicked in on January 1, 2023 for solar, heat pumps, and electric vehicles. There is no limit to the number of people who can take advantage of this. If we magnify the IRA, it can speed up the transition from deadly fossil fuels to renewable energy and provide lots of jobs across the country. Talk with a solar contractor. Visit auto dealers selling electric vehicles. You can use this calculator to determine which tax credits you qualify for: <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>
- 4) **Connect with a community.** Join a climate organization where a) you like the people, and b) you think the work is important. There is so much important work to be done at all levels. You are needed. Finding joy and connection through a community – and taking care of your well-being – is a vital part of this fight: <https://aestheticsofjoy.com/2019/11/08/joy-is-an-act-of-resistance-how-celebration-sustains-activism-2/>.

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