**Building Community in a Changing Climate: Learner Guide**

<https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/building-community-in-a-changing-climate.html>

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Climate change and its impacts on the health of our environment and communities are pressing concerns that can feel daunting. Where can you find the resources and partnerships to tackle these unique challenges? View this webinar to hear from public libraries and their partners who are championing community resilience in the face of climate change. You'll gain valuable insights, resources, and inspiration to empower your community and drive meaningful change. Together, we can build a more sustainable future.

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| **What are your personal and team goals for viewing this webinar?** |
| **Personal Goals** |  |
| **Team Goals** |  |
| **Blue Marble Librarian resources** |
| Kate introduced us to the [Blue Marble Librarians](https://guides.masslibsystem.org/ClimatePrepWeek/BlueMarbleLibrarians), a network of Massachusetts library workers committed to climate change resilience and community building, but **open to library staff everywhere**. Explore the resources and [program examples](https://guides.masslibsystem.org/ClimatePrepWeek/ProgramIdeas), including the tools for planning a [Climate Prep Week](https://guides.masslibsystem.org/ClimatePrepWeek/getinvolved), and note those ideas you’d like to come back to begin to include in your planning. |
| **Prioritizing programming ideas** |
| You were introduced to a number of climate-related programming examples in the webinar. Prioritize programs that might work best in your community* Fix It Clinics
* The Climate Ribbon Project
* Free Winter Coat Rack
* Nature Scavenger Hunts
* Library Gardens
* Art displays or other exhibits
* Host presentations
* Host community climate conversations
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| **Brainstorming ideas for action** |
| The Belfast team suggests thinking about these four categories when brainstorming ideas for action, once you’ve selected an action or activity. **Identify:**1. Things individuals can do themselves:
2. Things people can work on together:
3. Things that need policy change and/or significant fundraising to accomplish:
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| **New strategies with partners** |
| Great partnerships make climate action possible and enjoyable. Who are the key people or groups in your community already taking action that you could help amplify? Who else could work with you on this? Talk with your current partners and ask how you can help them and what other organizations might be interested in partnering with you. Think about how you can create a strong network for climate action.Now reflect on strategy examples shared in the webinar, and consult the [Building Partnerships](https://www.starnetlibraries.org/about/our-projects/building-resilient-communities/#resources) section of the *Building Resilient Communities* project website. Identify new strategies you’d like to try out in the coming year with your new partners.  |
| **Action Plan: (include next steps, who, when, etc.)** |
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