

My 5-Year Plan to End the Climate Emergency

Local actions:

Continue work with the St Johnsbury VT town energy committee to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (weatherize town buildings, fuel-switch to renewable sources for town buildings and vehicles.)

Collaborate with other energy committees and statewide groups to accelerate the involvement of all towns in our county taking steps to slow climate change.

Spread the word about all the actions, big and small, that citizens can take to address the emergency. Use RC to stay relaxed and non-urgent.

Build community through connections with the St Johnsbury selectboard, chambers of commerce, business owners, non-profits and farmers in the region.

Join with others to plan and host fun events, share information about electric vehicles, lowering consumption, cluster housing, etc.

Along with others, draw attention to oppression when it occurs in town (antisemitism, racism, classism) and follow the leadership of members of the oppressed groups in addressing it.

Broader actions:

Get more involved with large movements addressing the fossil fuel industry (Stop the Money Pipeline, divestment campaigns)

Learn and share what is happening to frontline communities around the world. Ask people what is happening to their relatives and friends.

Prepare myself to take part in large protests, civil disobedience if needed

Personal actions:

Research and work toward establishing a green burial site for the area.

Research and collaborate with area growers to plant crops appropriate for a warming climate

Encourage myself to make friends with people of the global majority and indigenous people in the area

Stay connected, when the pull is to withdraw

Continue to lead classes and support groups in RC on the Unified Goal on the Climate and classism; go to workshops, webinars, support groups

Remember to stay relaxed and non-urgent. This is fun, meaningful work.