



CLIMATE CHANGE ROADSHOW VANCOUVER – SAN DIEGO – HAWAII

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Climate Change, Despair & Empowerment Roadshow to make 18 presentations from Vancouver to San Francisco & Hawaii

Worldwide concern on climate change has lead the Rainforest Information Centre from Australia to take to the road to address the psychological impacts of global warming as well as the importance of grass roots response.

The 'Climate Change Despair and Empowerment' roadshow seeks to catalyse, invigorate and support grassroots study and action on climate change and encourages people to engage in social and political change.

The multi-media presentation includes video footage of Al Gore speaking on the importance of building a grass roots movement, and the necessity of coming together to bring about real and lasting solutions to our climate crisis.

The evenings will be opened by Pat Rasmussen of the World Temperate Rainforest Network speaking on the impacts of global warming on temperate rainforests.

Rainforest Information Centre presenter Kelly Tudhope will address the role that public and personal denial, helplessness and despair play in thwarting the fight against climate change.

“The roadshow will address Gore's insight that many people move straight from denial to hopeless despair about this issue without leaving any space in between for effective action,” Kelly Tudhope said.

“We often feel paralysed, hopeless, that it's too late and so on. We'll discuss how these feelings can be transformed into the fuel for inspiration and positive change.”

The 90 minute Roadshow also aims to unveil the false and "business as usual" solutions suggested by business leaders and political parties.

“It doesn’t matter how many windmills and solar arrays we build unless these are accompanied by reducing the more than 70 million tonnes of CO2 we pump into the atmosphere worldwide each day.”

“In the midst of rising alarm, we must not fall prey to political and business leaders eager for “business as usual”, who want us to believe that we will be able to pay the environmental costs of a new coal mine by screwing in energy efficient light bulbs or planting trees.”

“We need to look at different solutions, ones that acknowledge that we must change our lifestyles. To do this, we need to address the psychological aspects of what is happening to our world.”

The presentations offer an opportunity for participants to become involved in local climate study/action groups. Following the presentation, local groups are invited to participate and speak about their initiatives and directions.

“Underlying the solutions to global warming is the need for social and political reorganisation. Local community groups are needed to lay the foundation from which good strong solutions can be sown,” Ms Tudhope said.

Where there is sufficient interest, a Climate Change Despair and Empowerment Workshop will be offered to interested people by a Joanna Macy trained facilitator. The workshops allow people to experience moving through ‘negative’ emotions into a position of personal and collective empowerment.

The Rainforest Information Centre founder, John Seed, recently presented Climate Change, Despair & Empowerment in 40 cities on the E Coast of N America encouraging thousands of people to join together to find solutions to our climate crisis.

The roadshow has just toured Northern Queensland, Australia prior to landing in Vancouver.

For further information, see <http://www.climate.net.au>.

Climate Change Despair & Empowerment Roadshow West Coast N America Provisional Timetable

BC: Vancouver:

August 15, 7PM

The Space Centre. 1100 Chestnut St, Vancouver,

Presented by The Wilderness Committee and Community Climate Change

Contact: Andrea Reimer andrea@wildernesscommittee.org

WA: Olympia

August 16, 6pm

Venue: Tumwater Library, 7023 New Market St, tumwater, wa.

Contact: Michael Kelly,

flyfreeasabird@comcast.net
(360) 866-1331

WA: Port Townsend

August 17, 7pm Port Townsend, Masonic Hall, 1338 Jefferson, corner of Jefferson and Van Buren, behind the Post Office.

Contact Deborah Stinson
debstin@hotmail.com

OR: Breitenbush

August 20, 7pm

Venue: to be announced.

Contact Peter Moore
editor@alternativesmagazine.com

WA: Seattle:

August 22 7PM

University Lutheran Church.

Sustainable Ballard

Contact [Andrea Faste](#)
andrea@sustainableballard.org
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WA: Vashon Island:

August 23, 7PM

Venue: Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust at 10014 SW Bank Rd.

Sustainable Vashon

Contact: Dana Illo
crowsfeetfarm@centurytel.net
(206) 463-3115

OR: Portland

August 24 7.30PM

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center, 1819 NW Everett, Board Room

<http://www.livingearthgatherings.org/climatechange.html>

Contact Betsy Toll
bt@livingearthgatherings.org

OR: Eugene:

Sunday 26th August, 7pm

E.W.E.B. Training Room, 500 East 4th Ave

Climate Crisis Working Group

Contact: Kate Gessert and Jacque Travis
katerg@igc.org ; JTravis@peacehealth.org

OR: Salem:

Friday 27th August

Venue TBA

Contact: Peter Moore
editor@alternativesmagazine.com

OR: Ashland

August 28, 7pm

Ashland Unitarian Church 87 4th Street

Contact Cat Gould

cat1sun@yahoo.com

OR: Cave Junction

August 29, 7pm

County Building

102 S Redwood Hwy

Contact Barry Snitkin

bsotar@frontiernet.net

CA: Arcata:

Tuesday 2nd September

Venue: TBA

Contact: ccat@humboldt.edu

707-826-3551

CA: Santa Rosa:

Wednesday 5th September: 7.30pm

New College of California/North Bay

99 6th St., Santa Rosa (6th & Wilson in Rail Road Square)

Contact: dbaker@newcollege.edu

707/568-2605

CA: Berkeley

September 4th, 7.30pm,

Berkeley Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley

Contact: Julie Wolk

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415-659-0525

CA: Sacramento:

Thursday 6th September, 7pm

Venue: 2620 Capitol Avenue, Trinity Cathedral.

Therapists for Social Responsibility

Come early ~ seating is limited! Donation: \$5

CA: Grass Valley/Nevada City

September 7, 7PM.

Unitarian Chapel, 246 S. Church Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Contact Ken Hale,

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September 9 - 12 Big Island HI,

Hilo & Kona to be announced

6pm - 8:30pm

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Kelly Tudhope is a graduate in law and social science and has been active on the issue genetic engineering for the past six years. She has co-authored and published numerous articles on the issue within New Zealand and at the international level. She is currently heading a campaign for the creation of a GE Free Zone in the Nambucca Shire (NSW) and coordinates a project on sustainable and integrative growing systems within that region. She presented with John Seed and Ruth Rosenhek on the Sunshine Coast Roadshow tour.