

Jersey Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change

Block 4 – Sessions 13, 14 and 15

8th, 12th and 13th May 2021

Present: Citizens' Assembly Members	8 th May – Session 13 42 Members
	12 th May – Session 14 44 Members
	13 th May – Session 15 43 Members
Chair-Convenor	Emelita Robbins
Speakers	8 th May – Session 13 No speakers
	12 th May – Session 14 No speakers
	13 th May – Session 15 Steve Skelton, Group Director, Strategy and Innovation
Lead Facilitators	Dr. Diane Beddoes, Involve Polly Keane, New Citizenship Project <i>Supported by 7 Break-out room facilitators</i>
Observers	8 th May – Session 13 Connétable Mike Jackson, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel Lisette Jones, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey
	12 th May – Session 14 Nikita Hall, States Greffe Lisette Jones, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey
	13 th May – Session 15 Connétable Mike Jackson, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel Lisette Jones, Sustainability and Foresight Team, Government of Jersey Steve Skelton, Group Director, Strategy and Innovation, Government of Jersey Dr. Louise Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight, Government of Jersey

1. Block 4, Session 13, 8th May – Welcome

The Members of the Citizens' Assembly were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair-Convenor and the Lead Facilitators.

The Assembly were informed that the Advisory Panel had reviewed and agreed additional information on energy sources and heating which would be sent to them.

Members were told that information on the voting process had been sent to them in the post. It was reinforced that in the voting process no recommendations would be eliminated, and all will be included in the report, members would be voting on the order of priority.

Advice was given to Members to keep headlines short and ensure that they work as stand-alone statements and to make sure that the actions support the implementation of recommendations and are concise.

2. Break-out room discussions

Members of the Citizens' Assembly were given the opportunity to review and finalise their recommendations on transport in break-out groups.

3. Conclusions

The Lead Facilitators thanked Member of the Citizens' Assembly for their participation in the session and detailed what would be happening in the final sessions.

Members were told that the finalised recommendations on transport would be sent to them via email at the beginning of the following week.

The Chair Convenor, Ms. Robbins, thanked Members again for their participation and offered them the opportunity to join her in presenting the Citizens' Assembly recommendations and report to the States Assembly. Ms. Robbins asked Members to let her know by Monday 10th May if they were interested.

4. Block 4, Session 14, 12th May – Welcome

The Members of the Jersey Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair Convenor and Lead Facilitators.

Members of the Assembly were advised to make their recommendations as clear and concise as possible so that there is no room for misinterpretation.

It was noted that two similar recommendations from separate groups gave contradictory dates and that this would need to be resolved.

5. Break-out room discussions

Members of the Citizens' Assembly were given the opportunity to review and finalise their recommendations on heating, cooling and cooking in break-out groups.

6. Conclusions

The Chair Convenor and Lead Facilitators thanked everyone for their hard work and participation in the session.

Assembly Members were informed that an email would be sent to them with the final recommendations for them to check over and that the vote would take place in the final session.

Ms. Robbins reminded Members to let her know if they wished to be involved in presenting the recommendations and report to the States Assembly.

7. Block 4, Session 15, 13th May – Welcome

The Citizens' Assembly Members were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair Convenor and the Lead Facilitators.

Lead Facilitator, Dr. Beddoes, told the Assembly that due to high volume of comments received from Members on the recommendations, there had not been enough time to review them all. Therefore, Dr. Beddoes advised Members that the recommendations were not completely final, however the substance and headlines of the recommendations were unlikely to change. Members were told that they would receive the finalised set of recommendations shortly after the session.

8. Explanation of the voting process

Steve Skelton, member of the Citizens' Assembly Advisory Panel, explained to Assembly Members the supplementary voting system that would be used to determine the order of priority of the recommendations as well as the date for Carbon Neutrality in Jersey

For the recommendations, Mr. Skelton asked Assembly Members to rank recommendations from highest to lowest priority. For the date by which Jersey should become Carbon Neutral, Members were asked to vote for their first and second preference from 5 options that ranged from 2030 through to 2050. Mr. Skelton explained that if no option receives over 50%, the lowest scoring option would be removed and the second preferences of the people who voted for that lowest scoring option would be allocated to the remaining options as they were chosen. This continues until one option has been chosen.

Mr. Skelton reminded the Assembly of the definition of Carbon Neutrality from the Carbon Neutral Strategy. Briefly to become 'Carbon Neutral' Jersey cannot simply buy carbon offsets and must make an effort to reduce emissions, any offsets must be of high standards and finally, we must not increase overall inequality.

9. Vote

Citizen Assembly voted on the priority of their recommendations on transport and on heating, cooling and cooking, on the date by which Jersey should become Carbon Neutral and on the date by which Jersey should ban the new registration of petrol and diesel vehicles.

10. Voting results – date for Carbon Neutrality

Ms. Robbins announced that the Citizens' Assembly had voted on 2030 as the date by which Jersey should become Carbon Neutral. Furthermore, Ms. Robbins revealed that the date by which Jersey should ban the registration of new petrol and diesel vehicles was voted as 2025.

11. Break-out room discussions

Members of the Citizens' Assembly participated in group discussions in break-out rooms on the level of emissions reductions they want to see by the date decided for Jersey to become Carbon Neutral.

Members also discussed also what topics they believed should've been talked about if there was more time.

12. Feedback discussion

Lead Facilitator, Ms. Keane, invited Members to share with the Assembly their thoughts on the Citizens' Assembly process from the break-out room discussions.

Group 1:

- There are achievable measures and we can achieve big results with small changes. Everyone has a role to play.
- It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the size of the topic, but change is needed at all levels and we can all make a difference.
- People need to be open minded and receptive to the process of reducing our carbon footprint.
- We need to look at the big picture, it's not just about Jersey but the whole world.
- We need to do what we can to save this beautiful world.
- In the words of Nike 'Just Do It'.

Group 2:

- The appetite for real and progressive change was pleasantly surprising.
- Blue sky thinking is necessary.
- We'd love to see the continuation of a Citizens' Committee that will hold Government to account and ensure things are getting done.

Group 3:

- Love hearing other people's ideas.
- Interesting to see how the States respond to our recommendations.

Group 4:

- Good democratic way of involving the people.
- At times it felt as if we didn't have our hands on the tiller.
- We liked the technical aspect, we thought it was about the right level. However, we thought that some of the information was a bit out of date.
- We felt that it was important to do your own research and not believe everything that you're told.
- As individuals it is important to be more conscious in your day to day activities.

Group 5:

- Impressed at how well the whole Assembly came together.
- We learnt a lot from each other.
- We want to make our society more aware of the possibilities and ensure that people aren't complacent.

Group 6:

- The groups worked well together and there has been consensus among the different groups even though there were different ideas initially.
- We believe that this shouldn't be the end of the Citizens' Assembly as it's been such a success.

Group 7:

- We appreciate being given a voice and being part of something bigger.
- The things we will take away with us are to share what we have learnt with our friends and family.
- We hope that the Government take our recommendations seriously and we will see tangible outputs.
- We hope that more citizens will get involved in future Citizens' Assemblies.

13. Voting results – priority of recommendations

Ms. Robbins, presented the results of the vote to the Citizens' Assembly on the priority of the recommendations on transport and heating, cooling and cooking.

Transport Recommendations:

1. Public transport
2. Encouraging active travel
3. Just transition
4. New technologies
5. Private cars
6. Reducing the demand for travel
7. Phasing transition

Heating, Cooling and Cooking Recommendations:

1. Building standards and planning law
2. Retrofitting residential buildings
3. Energy
4. Government and commercial properties
5. Making change happen
6. Rental properties
7. Community initiatives

14. Conclusions

The Lead Facilitators thanked the support team, group facilitators, Government of Jersey team and the Advisory Panel for their help in the running of the Citizens' Assembly and also gave thanks to the Citizens' Assembly Members for their participation in the process.

Assembly Members were reminded that they would be receiving email in the next few days with the final recommendations and also an evaluation form to give feedback. The Assembly were advised that their contact details would be passed onto the Government of Jersey who would be taking things forward.

One Member gave their thanks to the Lead Facilitators on behalf of the Citizens' Assembly for their hard work in running the Assembly.

Ms. Robbins reiterated thanks to the Facilitators and to the Citizens' Assembly Members for their engagement and commitment.