WE DEMAND A
CITIZENS’ ASSEMBLY
REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS
OF ALL UK CITIZENS
to deliberate and make decisions on the
CLIMATE AND
ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

WHO?
A randomly selected group of citizens
who reflect the diversity of the UK

HOW?
Organised by a non-partisan, independent entity
Hear balanced information from experts and stakeholders
Deliberate the pros and cons of policy options
in small, facilitated groups
Draft and vote on recommendations to Government

RESULT?
Report to inform Government legislation

Find out more at rebellion.earth/
act-now/resources/assemblies
Email: xr-CitizensAssembly@protonmail.com
Who runs a citizens’ assembly?
A non-partisan organisation that is independent of government, industry stakeholders and protest groups such as XR. The whole process should be transparent.

What is a citizens’ assembly process?
- Members are selected randomly from the population (similar to jury service). Quotas are used to ensure that the assembly is representative in terms of demographics such as gender, age and location.
- Members meet for a series of weekends for several months.
- They are given training in critical thinking and provided with access to balanced information from experts and stakeholders.
- Trained facilitators help members discuss and consider the options in a fair and respectful way.
- Members draft and vote on recommendations. They produce a report outlining their decisions and why they were reached. The report informs government policy.

Result?
Informed judgement by the UK public which ensures a fair and equitable response to the climate and ecological emergency.

How you can help:
Join Extinction Rebellion and organise non-violent, civil disobedience actions! Or get in touch to help advocate for a citizens’ assembly at xr-CitizensAssembly@protonmail.com

Petition your MP to support a citizens’ assembly at www.writetothem.com
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What’s the difference between citizens’ assemblies and people’s assemblies?
Both citizens’ assemblies and people’s assemblies are a form of participatory, deliberative democracy. The key differences are that members of citizens’ assemblies are randomly selected from the population (i.e. sortition), and have a structured learning phase, while people’s assemblies are organised discussion forums open to anyone who would like to attend (i.e. self-selected).