## CLIMATE BENCH



Take a bit of time to engage in a conversation with the stranger next to you. It's really simple!

There are **three envelopes** with questions and pictures to get the conversation started. Start with the **introductory questions**, then take the **prompt pictures** and finally the **prompt questions**.

Take turns picking cards from the envelope. Read the questions out loud and answer them one after the other. When you pick a prompt picture, first describe what you can see and then share your thoughts and feelings about it. If you can't think of anything straight away, that's okay. Take your time and listen to your partner's ideas. You can also skip cards.



Take turns reading and answering all six intoductory questions in numerical order.



Take as many prompt pictures as you want from the envelope (at least three picture). Describe what you can see. Share your ideas, thoughts and feelings.



Take as many prompt questions as you want from the envelope (at least three questions) and answer them. At the very end, take the green card—this will end the conversation.

Before you start, please consider the following six rules for an open, constructive conversation:



- Start your sentences with 'I' instead of 'you' or 'we' and show who you are as a person
- Express your feelings and needs without blaming or criticising your partner.
- **Listen** when your partner is speaking. The person speaking should get the feeling: I'm being understood! My partner is interested!
- **Be empathetic** truly connect with your partner's feelings. Remember that your partner has reasons for the way they see things or act.
- Express appreciation for your partner.
- Make eye contact this will help you make sure your partner understands you.

At the end, we invite you to discuss what things you've got in common. Use these things to emphasise how you are similar to each other. Because if we're able to find common ground, then we're able to create bonds and build a relationship.

And now: Have fun!

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