

A CLIMATE CHANGE COMPANION

For family, school and community

New

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This book is a timely and practical response to the greatest challenge of our times – climate change. It provides a thoughtful and readable introduction to why this matters for everyone. It explains the relationship between changing climate and the sources of energy we use, as well as important choices we will need to make for our families, schools and communities. It explores what we need to know and what people are feeling about this. It sets out what we can do to both limit and adapt to these changes.

Intended for the general reader, concerned citizen and those with a responsibility for young people, this book provides a clear understanding of what a more sustainable low-carbon future could look like and why this will be of benefit to present and future generations. Formerly at the School of Education, Bath Spa University, David has a long-standing interest in helping readers make sense of 'big' issues such as climate change.

Part One – Changing the climate

1. What do we need to know?
2. What's energy got to do with it?
3. What's the choice of futures?

Part Two – Telling new stories

4. The old story: high-carbon
5. The new story: low-carbon
6. Feeling the way forward

Part Three – Working for change

7. Getting things done
8. Adapting to climate change
9. Limiting climate change

Part Four – A journey of hope

10. Telling family stories
11. Learning about sustainability
12. Creating low-carbon community

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PRAISE FOR
A Climate Change Companion

Climate change is a major challenge for us all. For those who want to be better informed about the facts and figures behind the headlines, I heartily recommend this new book. It is clearly written, accessible and well-illustrated. It explains the issues in everyday language and the choices open to us. It's a timely book which deserves a wide audience.

- Cathie Holden, former teacher

This is a wise and practical book for everyone, which brings wisdom, humanity and hope where it is easy to be despairing and confused. With insight and clarity the author challenges us to make personal changes and have conversations with each other that pave the way towards the low-carbon future we need to live in. We should be profoundly grateful for this radical and grounded book.

- Steve Thorp, counsellor

Faced with anxieties over the future in the face of climate change, this book is a lifeline, a line to life. It shows briefly and clearly what is going on and how we got here, providing a catalogue of existing alternatives for home, school and community. This book supplies the hope and energy needed to ensure, for our children and grandchildren, a future less anxious and more in balance with the real needs of people and their planet.

- John Hammond, grandparent

We regularly hear about climate change with a sense of doom and fear. Rarely however do we get a more measured and realistic glimpse into the future and rarer still, one accompanied by a sense of hope and empowerment. This realistic and affirming book offers young people and their communities ideas for engaging in personal practical change.

- Tessa Willy, Lecturer in Education