



WEXNER SUMMITS

PREWORK FOR CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT, DEC 4-6, 2022

ASSIGNMENT 1: Who We Are, What We Are Working On, What Do We Need

We will start the Summit with a combination ice-breaker/networking session to allow participants to share, in a pithy stand and deliver fashion, something specific about what you are working on right now. Each participant will be called on to answer the following prompts in 2 minutes max (so please prepare your succinct and compelling answers in advance):

1. What is the central Climate Change-related project you are working on right now?
2. What, if anything, do you need from this group? (e.g.: marketing advice, money, allies, writers, a scientific advisor...)

ASSIGNMENT 2: Best Practices

As part of your pre-work for the Summit, please prepare a 2–3 minute presentation on a climate change-related best practice that you have observed and/or instituted in your professional space/area of expertise/activism. The goal is for others at the Summit to be able to replicate or retrofit to use your unique idea in their own professional/Jewish communal lives. This is your opportunity to share a very specific kernel of leadership wisdom with other participants. Feel free to bring materials or handouts to share if helpful. The following questions may assist in defining the practice:

1. Identify the need, goal, or problem to solve in a sentence or two.
2. Describe the best practice, including how or why it was efficient/effective.
3. Share data (if you have it) that shows the difference this practice made.

Here are some examples so you can see how widely scope will vary:

"I've developed methods to consistently engage congressional representatives on a regular basis. Everyone in our office gets 30 minutes on Tuesdays at 10am to make these calls. Here are some helpful links/scripts/ways of dealing with people who don't want to..."

"I created a climate checklist for my company by which management and employees make better data-driven decisions on purchasing supplies, whether to travel, etc. Here it is..."

"I've worked on shifting my personal investment portfolio to divest from egregious companies. It's harder than it seems – here are the pitfalls and here are some resources."

"The kids in my congregation are fearful and anxious in a way I've not seen before. Many say they don't want to bring children into the world. Here are Jewish sources I use with them."

ASSIGNMENT 3 (OPTIONAL AND ENCOURAGED): BIG VISION

If you have or subscribe to a big vision for a titanic shift to address Climate Change – either in the Jewish Community or in society in general -- please share details. We will have an evening discussion for people to hash out wild, bold, adaptive ideas, best practices, best policies, perhaps your own new idea. Doughnut economics comes to mind, Copenhagen's 4 lane bike roads – do research, give this some thought, bring an idea.