***“ We Care* “**

Campaign IoM

 **Churches Workshop Notes :**

The Session is designed to:

* Help us become aware of how we as individuals (of any age) respond to God’s gift of Creation.
* Help us identify what we perceive to be our own personal fears & concerns when we see that gift threatened by Climate Change.
* Encourage us to identify how we can become part of the solution rather than the problem
* Encourage us to engage in positive action.

**Introduction :**

* Sing, or consider the words, of All things Bright & beautiful;
* Read Genesis Ch 1.

**Discussion** : Share stories :

* Which part of the fullness of creation do you like the most? *Why ?*
* How does it make you feel ? Do you care for it ?

**Subject : Climate Change :**

* What do we know about Climate Change ? ( The group to all give one word answers only, go round the room until no one else can think of a new word..... )
* How does it make you feel ? ( *all give one word answers only )*
* **Sum up:** that climate Change is linked with the increase of Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere caused by burning fossil fuels. If you’re working with a kids group make sure they understand what we mean by fossil fuels : that we sum them up with the words “ carbon emissions” & “Global carbon footprint”
* Would your favourite thing in creation be under threat because of Climate Change ? How ? *( Discuss in twos with your neighbour. Report back)*
* What do you worry about most when people mention Climate Change ? (*See list A : “what we most care about” as a conversation starter)*

*Cut the list into words and ask them to take the ones that concerns them most.*

 *What other words would you add?*

**Can we do anything about it ?**

* What do you think ? All Vote : yes / no
* In twos discuss what we could do to reduce our carbon emissions .....
* *come up with 2 ideas and share with the group*
* *Check against see List B. Ways to reduce carbon emissions.*
* *Or, Cut out each option and invite them to pick up the options they are already doing.*
* *.... then to pick up the options they may be able to add to what they are already doing.*
* *Introduce the “We Care” Campaign :The importance of making your voice heard because we care! Politicians see one campaign postcard representing the view of 100 people* ***who didn’t*** *contact them*

**Then go into action!!**

* *Sign a campaign postcard, fill it in and send it to your MHK or hand it to them personally.*
* Or, Fill in the colouring sheet, photograph it coloured in and send it to your MHK in support of their Climate Change action plan.
* Or be creative : turn a paper plate into what you care about most: ( see workshop resources) photograph it, and send the photo to you MHK. with the “*We Care”* postcard, on social media or by post.
* Hang onto your paper plate; there will be a rally in support of the government’s plans for a greener Island. Bring your decorated plates and come join us to say that we really do Care for all creatures, people, places on this planet...... and that we really do want to see them implement their plans by turning them into actions , now!

 **And spread the word :**

* Let others know about the campaign, give out postcards for them to fill in, invite them to a paper plate decorating session and share this workshop with them!