

Invitation to *A Peoples' Forum for Cooling the Planet* (PFCP)

Everyone is welcome to join us.

We will meet **every Tuesday**, at 2 p.m. EDT, in our Zoom room, starting June 25:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/595172819>

Our first Tuesday meeting, on June 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. EDT is a special **Volunteers' Pre-meeting for PFCP**. During the first hour of this pre-meeting, we will present an introduction to PFCP, as well as an overview of the various volunteer opportunities (e.g., hosting breakout rooms, providing Zoom support, providing specialty consulting, etc.). Even folks who are merely *curious* about the possibility of volunteering are welcome to join us, with *zero* pressure to sign up to volunteer, *ever*.

After the first hour, we will collaborate on planning for the first **General Meeting of the PFCP** (*A People's Forum for Cooling the Planet*), which will happen one week later. This is but the first of many opportunities to get volunteer orientation.

General Meetings of the PFCP

Starting on Tuesday July 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. EDT, we will commence weekly **General Meetings** of the PFCP (always on Tuesdays, starting 2 p.m. Eastern, and always in the same Zoom room, link above). The first General Meeting will start with introductory statements and presentations by the initiators of PFCP, notably including Professor Guy McPherson. These presentations will be recorded and uploaded to this YouTube channel.

Goals of a People's Forum for Cooling the Planet (PFCP)

The goal of *A People's Forum for Cooling the Planet* (PFCP) is first and foremost to answer three fundamental questions:

1. *Can* we cool our planet **in time***?
2. If so, *how* can we accomplish this, technically?
3. And *if* we can accomplish this technically, then *how* do we accomplish the needed full-scale technical implementations politically, culturally, socially, economically, financially, story-wise, media-wise, PR-wise, green energy-wise, and all other relevant dimensions-wise? (In other words, are we *wise* enough, as a species, to collectively snap out of our collective delusions, addictions, and associated omnicidal trajectories to pull this off, if indeed it turns out to be feasible technically? And if so, *how* . . . including “who does what”, “who pays for it”, “who is informed, consulted, etc.”, and “whose permission / buy-in should we seek for which parts” ?)

***In time** for what? The short answer: In time to stop, and then reverse the runaway overheating of our planet, and in time to stop the simultaneous runaway destruction of our biosphere (driven mostly, at this point in time, by runaway overheating), including the mass extinction event we are in the midst of.

Beyond the preceding “Big Three” questions, we will delve into [myriad other questions and topics, such as those explored here](#).

Bottom line: We are setting out to do our part, *as humanity* (as opposed to “as government” or “as academia”, etc.) to cool the planet. As “the people”, that is.

Format of A People's Forum for Cooling the Planet

There are two distinct *phases* of the format of *A People's Forum for Cooling the Planet* (PFCP), as far as your experience of it, as a participant or volunteer: Phase I and Phase II. These two Phases are *not* “sequential phases”, but rather, “*phases of your experience*”. You are welcome to jump back and forth between Phases I and II as often as you like, spend as much time as you would like in each Phase, etc.

Phase I:

Phase I is all about ALL of us (initiators, volunteers, participants, etc.) getting connected, meeting each other, and getting related to each other and to the topic space: planetary overheating, and its opposite — cooling the planet, and everything related to that undertaking.

Phase I will include:

- Introductory statements, presentations, and Q&A
- Q&A with Professor Guy McPherson
- World Cafe events
- Other networking and educational opportunities, which will be ongoing, both for newcomers and regulars alike

Phase II:

Phase II consists of an unbounded network of conversations happening in parallel. Phase II is designed to be as close as possible to the original Forums in ancient Greece and Rome, in which anyone could either listen in on, or participate in, any conversation within the boundaries of the Forum. There are two major differences between the Forum in ancient Athens, and this PFCP:

1. Location: The PFCP takes place on Zoom, and specific conversations take place within specific breakout rooms, to which all participants have access at all times, just as was the case with the ancient Athens Forum.
2. Topics: The conversations in PFCP are focused on all topics (and subtopics, etc.) related to the Big Three questions posed above, as well as the myriad related topics such as these (same link as above):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12tyOEhJa5Uar3Y3WXHkTh0uJnGzdPAMEJvul_OogQ0/edit?usp=sharing