



HOSTING A 'CONVERSATION CINEMA'

You can host a '**Conversation Cinema**' in your home (think *Netflix*, or *Global Oneness Project*: www.globalonenessproject.org) or in a café or the lobby at the movie theater after a public film. Film festivals and conferences with film screenings could all benefit from a structured post-film conversation so that people can process their feelings and thoughts together. For this, you can use the standard *Conversation Café* method or a *Café Lite* or a *Super Café*.

After "An Inconvenient Truth" screening at a local theater, a Conversation Café host invited the audience to stay for a conversation. Many did. Here is the template to use for your own film series.

How to Host a Post-Film Conversation Circle

After seeing "An Inconvenient Truth", you may feel shocked, angry, upset, confused, mobilized, numb and more. You may have questions or creative ideas about how to respond. Joining or hosting a *Conversation Circle* can help you absorb what you just saw and inspire you to act "to not just go from denial to despair" as Gore said.

Invite no more than eight friends and neighbors to your home or to a local cafe for a conversation. More than eight and it's likely to feel more like a lecture by the few more informed or opinionated than an inclusive conversation.

Go around the circle once giving each person a chance to speak for a minute or two without interruption or cross-talk before the general discussion.

Some people respond intellectually by remembering what they saw or heard, some emotionally and some with ideas for action. Some have a mix. All types of response are important. An open question like: "*What are you thinking, feeling or inspired to do?*" can help get their first response out.

Allow forty-five minutes or longer for the whole conversation so you get beyond the first responses to more creative ones. Listen. Avoid arguing.

Before anyone leaves the circle, make sure you have one go-round with each person saying what they now feel motivated to do about global warming.

Questions Used for An Inconvenient Truth Event:

What stays with you from what you heard, saw or felt watching "An Inconvenient Truth"?

What would you see happening in your life and on Whidbey, if we took the challenge of global warming seriously?