

October 2026 People's Emergency Briefing

I wonder how many of us have hopes or dreams for the future, for ourselves, or our children, or for the world? I know I do. And I wonder how many of us think about those hopes and dreams as we go about our daily life? If you're like me, sometimes you do and sometimes you don't. And I wonder how many of us know, or worry, about what the future might be like for ourselves, for our children, for our world?

In 2025, citizens from across the UK were randomly chosen to join politicians, and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media, to learn more about the global climate and nature crises. At the end of November 2025, they gathered in Westminster to hear from leading experts in fields such as extreme weather, food security, health, national security, finance and economics, and energy. As a result, a 50 minute film, the People's Emergency Briefing, was developed to help ordinary people better understand the global issues we face. The film includes short clips from range of experts (the full length presentations can be seen on Youtube), together with responses from the ordinary citizens who took part in the Westminster event.

As of July 2026, there have been over 2000 showings of the People's Emergency Briefing film at community centres and workplaces across the nation, with 87% of those who have seen the film reporting that they felt more motivated to act. More showings are being registered every day. Anyone who wants to show the film is given a comprehensive toolkit covering every aspect of organising a showing of the film and running a post-film discussion. Those who took part in the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster are calling for everyone over 16 to see the film, and calling for a government prime-time television response to the emergency, with more MPs joining that call every day.

Many Christian churches – together with other faith groups - are among the groups organising showings of the People's Emergency Briefing film, in accordance with the Christian teaching that Christians are called by God to do all that they can to improve well-being and prevent harm for all, both now and in the future. The Church of England defines protection and care for the planet that is essential for our existence and for our well-being as one of the defining characteristics of living out Christian faith, of being a church.

I have been to one of the local showings of the People's Emergency Briefing, and I am very impressed by the impact it clearly has on people. There are many more showings coming up locally, and my prayer for us all is that even if we do nothing else to care for our neighbour of today, and our neighbour of tomorrow, we would all view this film.

Yours in Christ,
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