

# YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY



## LEAD THE DISCUSSION, LEAD THE MOVEMENT

### **Introduction**

Thousands of people will simultaneously tune in for the premiere of “Years of Living Dangerously” -- and lots of them will be gathering a “watch-parties” in homes, on campuses, and in community center to share the experience and make a plan for what comes next.

As Mararet Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” This has the potential to be more than a TV show -- it can be a doorway into a movement.

### **Recruitment**

First, be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join your viewing party. If you have a large enough space consider inviting other members of your community like elected officials, religious leaders, union members, community organizers and local journalists. You can download and print a film poster to put up around town at [350.org/years](http://350.org/years).

# Discussion Suggestions

- It can be helpful to choose one person who will moderate or facilitate discussion.
- It's great to have a note-taker, so you capture the discussion and can refer to it later.
- Make sure comments are appropriate, respectful, and inclusive.
- Stick to the topic being discussed. Listen to what others have to say. "Step up, step back" (i.e. don't talk too much, or too little).
- Try to ask open-ended questions, and give space to hear from everyone present.
- Be sure to collect all attendees' contact information so that you can continue to communicate with one another after the screening. A printable signup sheet is available at [www.350.org/materials](http://www.350.org/materials). Please scan and email it to us (at [team@350.org](mailto:team@350.org)) or snail-mail it to us at 350.org, 20 Jay St, Suite 1010, Brooklyn, NY, 11201, USA

# Sample Discussion Questions

You can use these as a guide, but feel free to let the conversation flow organically.

1. Which issues in the film are most relevant to you and your community? What questions did it raise?
2. What are some of the barriers you have felt to taking action in your community on these issues?
3. What are some examples of efforts made towards a clean energy future in our community? What are existing organizations, allies and campaigns near you?
4. What direct steps can you take? What skills and connections already exist in your group? What sort of support do you need? Where can you find it?

## After your screening...

Consider scheduling your next meeting while you are all together to keep the momentum going. Then, keep your eyes on your inbox – we'll be sending out emails with action opportunities, and a survey to report back on how your screening went.

## What else can I do?

**Stop the Keystone XL Pipeline:** President Obama will make a decision soon on this dirty and dangerous pipeline – and the clock is ticking to make our voices heard. The next big event is called “Reject and Protect”, which is happening on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ Learn more at [www.rejectandprotect.org](http://www.rejectandprotect.org)

**Go Fossil Free:** The fossil fuel divestment campaign has spread rapidly to hundreds of campuses and cities around the country and the world. The basic idea is that if it's wrong to wreck the planet, it's wrong to profit from that wreckage. Help us reach our goal of launching hundreds more by starting your own divestment campaign in your community, university or religious institution.

- ✓ Start or join a divestment campaign at [www.gofossilfree.org](http://www.gofossilfree.org).

**Organize Locally:** Join or start a local 350 group for climate action to take on local and regional campaigns and projects.

- ✓ Find or start a local group at [www.350.org/local](http://www.350.org/local)

**Promote Climate Literacy:** The National Wildlife Federation has curriculum and resources to help use Years of Living Dangerously in a classroom setting.

- ✓ Download a viewing kit for classroom settings at [www.climateclassroom.org/YEARS](http://www.climateclassroom.org/YEARS)

**Questions? Comments?** Don't hesitate to get in touch by sending an email to our organizing team at [team@350.org](mailto:team@350.org). We get a TON of email but will try our very best to get back to you shortly!