

Have a party, for climate action!

Climate Action Parties are a really fun way to recruit people to your team, educate your network about the campaign and execute a plan for making sure your legislator supports bold climate action. As with any burgeoning group or organization the key to success is getting smart passionate people to show up and feel invested! **Below is a sample timeline and some hot tips for how to build an awesome local team.**

Before the Meeting

1. Chat with an EIV organizer and set a date, time and location for your meeting. Give yourself 2 weeks to recruit. Work with EIV organizers to set up a recruitment schedule supported by the EIV phone bank. **Contact David at dfischer@vpirg.org.**
2. Brainstorm a list of people to personally invite. Cast a wide net of folks you know are concerned about global warming and interested in ways to create a greener and more affordable Vermont.
3. Make personal phone calls to your network and follow up the day before with folks who the EIV phone banking team recruits. Make sure folks bring their calendars and are ready to take notes!



At the Meeting

1. Work with an EIV organizer to present a very brief campaign update and discuss the importance of influencing your legislator to re-commit to the 90% renewable energy by 2050 targets, join the Climate Caucus, and ultimately support carbon pricing in Vermont.
2. Have everyone take out their calendars and agree on 3 different times and dates (a few weeks after the meeting) they would be available to meet with your legislator (during session legislators are usually in-district Saturday-Monday).
3. Discuss and set up roles that work for your team (see the Sample Roles sheet for ideas). If everyone in the room feels they are responsible for some part of moving this campaign forward they are more likely to stay actively engaged!

After the Meeting

1. Send a thank you email to everyone on the team and offer a brief summary of next steps. Invite them to join a private Facebook or Google Group to stay up-to-date.
2. Call or email your legislator asking for an in-district meeting with a group of concerned constituents. Tell your legislator that you have mutually agreed on a few times that work for everyone. Give your legislator an idea of how many constituents to expect.
3. Keep sharing more in your community about reasons for bold climate action and don't stop recruiting!

Hot Tips:

- ⇒ Stay in touch with your EIV organizer: Don't hesitate to ask your EIV organizer for help or advice!
- ⇒ Make your invites personal: Let people know why you want them there.
- ⇒ Be proud and have fun! Recruiting others is one of the most important things anyone can do to strengthen the campaign. Thank you for your efforts!!