

Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI)

Discussion Guides

Choices for Sustainable Living – 8 sessions

How do our lifestyle choices impact the earth? How can we move toward ecologically sustainable organizations, lifestyles and communities? Topics: *A Call to Sustainability* ♦ *Ecological Principles* ♦ *Buying* ♦ *Food* ♦ *Communities* ♦ *Business and Economy* ♦ *Visions of Sustainability* ♦ *Wrap-Up*

Discovering a Sense of Place – 8 or 9 sessions

What does it mean to develop a bioregional perspective? What are the potential benefits of knowing and protecting the place where we live? Topics: *A Sense of Place* ♦ *Responsibility to Place* ♦ *Knowing Your Bioregion* ♦ *Living in Place* ♦ *Mapping Your Place* ♦ *Building Local Community* ♦ *Empowerment* ♦ *Wrap-Up*

Global Warming: Changing CO₂urse – 5 sessions

How do our personal values and habits relate to climate change? What can we do to curb global warming? Topics: *Off Course* ♦ *Collision Course* ♦ *Changing Course* ♦ *Setting a New Course* ♦ *Call to Action—Wrap-Up*

Healthy Children—Healthy Planet – 8 sessions

How do the pervasive effects of advertising, media, and our consumer culture influence a child's view of the world? How can we foster children's connection to nature? Topics: *Cultural Pressures* ♦ *Family Rituals and Celebrations* ♦ *Advertising* ♦ *Food and Health* ♦ *Time and Creativity* ♦ *Technology and the Media* ♦ *Exploring Nature* ♦ *Wrap-Up*

Menu for the Future – 7 sessions

Which agricultural and individual practices promote personal and ecological well-being? How can we create and support sustainable food systems? Topics: *What's Eating America* ♦ *Anonymous Food* ♦ *Farming for the Future* ♦ *You Are What You Eat* ♦ *Towards a Just Food System* ♦ *Choices for Change* ♦ *Wrap-Up*

Reconnecting with Earth – 7 sessions

How do our personal values affect the way we view and treat the earth? What does it mean to take personal responsibility for Earth? Topics: *Wild Nature* ♦ *Shifting Paradigms* ♦ *Nature and Spirit* ♦ *The Universe Story* ♦ *Ecopsychology* ♦ *Bringing it Down to Earth* ♦ *Wrap-Up*

Voluntary Simplicity – 6 sessions

What material and psychological distractions keep us from caring for ourselves, for our relationships, and for our environment? Topics: *The Meaning of Simplicity* ♦ *Living More With Less* ♦ *Making a Living* ♦ *Do You Have the Time?* ♦ *Living Simply on Earth* ♦ *Call to Action—Wrap-Up*



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