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## The Young People At A Crossroads Project

Based on a workshop written by Kit Marie Rackley, Kate Russell and Emma Lindsay for





# Mind, Body & Soul:

Understanding Climate Anxiety

### Kit Marie Rackley



## <u>Why</u> are we anxions about climate change?

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#### First... Why Are We Anxious?



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# IT'S NORMAL











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### Why Are We Anxious?

Language



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#### BBC

NEWS

Science & Environment

Climate change: 'Hothouse Earth' risks even if CO2 emissions slashed

#### CNN

Earth at risk of becoming 'hothouse' if tipping point reached, report warns

#### sky news

By Euan McKirdy, CNN

Earth is '1C away from Hothouse State that threatens the future of humanity'

Experts have warned that uncontrollable climate change could be just decades away, rendering parts of the planet uninhabitable.

Updated 1517 GMT (2317 HKT) August 7, 2018

NewScientist

DAILY NEWS 6 August 2018

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Global warming may become unstoppable even if we stick to Paris target

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Domino-effect of climate events could move Earth into a 'hothouse' state

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Leading scientists warn that passing such a point would make efforts to reduce emissions increasingly futile



#### NEWS / CLIMATE SOS

### Earth at risk of tipping into hellish 'hothouse' conditions

World could be entering warmer period that would see average temperatures rise by between four and five degrees Celsius.

#### **it**vNEWS

ITV REPORT 6 August 2018 at 7:59pn

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Earth 'just decades away from global warming tipping point which threatens future of humanity'





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## Why Are We Anxious? Disconnect

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"Chronic or non-communicable diseases such as depression, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and dementia are the leading cause of death globally.

Many of these non-communicable diseases are linked to lifestyle, including physical inactivity, poor diet and chronic stress – which are increasing problems in urban areas."

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#### We care! Why Are We Anxious?

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How our thoughts/feelings about the climate get really overwhelming at times



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## opening up to options Step 2



## Feeling overwhelmed, constricted, claustrophobic

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## opening up to options Step 3



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# What might help here to make it easier to manage?







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### Reconnecting with nature



# Let's get outside and reconnect!

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# body-earth.org/about

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