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The theme for One World Week this year (18-25 October) is about making our world better. The coronavirus crisis has seen huge changes in most of our lives: sadly, tragedy for some and hardship for many, but revelations for us all.

Measures were put in place with a rapidity we had been told was impossible when we were discussing the climate emergency; people have not only adjusted their own lifestyles drastically but rallied round to support the vulnerable in their communities.

### **A Green Recovery?**

Can we build on these signs of hope to work for a future which is not just “back to normal”? Many are arguing against the idea of going back to what we thought was ‘normal’ but was destroying the natural systems of the world we depend on. So let’s make this the moment to choose a new way of living where we come together to take care of each other and our world – Let’s make it better.

Let’s explore ideas to ‘build back better’ and take action to help make it happen.

#### **DON'T WAIT FOR OWW - start with what we can do NOW**

- What about attending some of the Zoom webinars programmes our supporting organisations are running?
- You might want to raise awareness or money to help local and global charities reach people in need – as most of them have been unable to raise the funds they usually do -just when demand for their services is at an all-time high.

- Could you encourage your friends and family to engage with campaigns that address the climate and ecology emergency with the economic fairness issues which must be at the core of all efforts to build back to a better new normal? See the [Take Action page](#) on our website.
- A good way to start planning for the October week might be to set up a study groups now to read up and discuss some of the new ideas which could transform our world.

We've been collecting resources you could use including articles, poems, websites, videos, webinar recordings, cartoons and actions which explore our understanding of the impact of the pandemic for better or worse and ideas for the future. We have put a selection in the *Resources Library* (under the *Theme Guidelines* heading) and we'll add to it. We hope you come up more resources and further ideas you'd be happy to share – please [email us at One World Week](#).

## Ideas for Activities in OWW 2020

Obviously, the usual One World Week physical community activities (18-25 October) may not be feasible in 2020, so let's innovate and come together by other means. Here are some suggestions:

**Online events work really well.** Zoom enables you to invite speakers from around the world, show pictures or videos, organise a quiz or survey, worship together, have a virtual coffee morning or wine and cheese party and you can collect ideas and comments from people who join.

Friends of the Earth have a good easy-to-follow guide to how it works. [How to set up a Zoom meeting | Climate Action](#) You could try it for a local planning meeting for the Week!

### Virtual meetings

#### E.g. 1 - Making Our World Better

Line up a set of 5 lead speakers and give each five minutes to present an example of how we can make the world better – you could focus on your local area but do include a global element too – It is One World Week!

Speakers could draw examples from:

- something their own organisation is doing;
- an idea they have read about or seen on television

Then invite additional contributions, comments and questions from the audience.

You could collect all the ideas to send to an MP or local council.

#### E.g. 2 – A Study Group or Book Group

You could set this up initially by email. Choose a topic (or book or TED talk). Allocate resources (videos, newspaper articles, quotations etc. to individuals to study in advance. Arrange a Zoom meeting for everyone to get together and discuss their findings.

#### E.g. 3 – Invite a Speaker on a topic you choose

They could be from anywhere! Someone from a National organisation for example – they would probably set up the meeting for you.



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## Quizzes

You could organise one based on issues relating to making the world better. See OWW Website – Resources- Activities- quizzes; Cafod who offer Q's on their website [Here](#)

## Faith events

Virtual events have been held on line for months now so how about organising one for OWW? We are collecting materials you could use which we'll put on the OWW website. Virtual Interfaith events could work well too. You could invite faith representatives to offer their perspective on making the world better. (See Faith-based resources on our website; [The Interfaith Network – here](#) has lots of examples of how faiths are responding to Covid.)

## Exhibitions

Invite people/ schools/ organisations to submit photos of Artwork / poetry / photos / short videos relating to the OWW theme of making the world better. Put them together as a PDF/ slideshow or webpage and send them out to local contacts.

## Sing along

Do share the inspirational One World Song! Follow the links [here](#); watch the video [here](#)

## Schools

We have prepared a special leaflet (downloadable from <https://www.oneworldweek.org/young-people>) to help teachers find resources to celebrate OWW in schools. Our partner, Global Dimension, now run by Reboot the Future, will be publicising OWW but it would also help if you could send the leaflet to your local schools.

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US:**

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