

# Game Changer Action Network Action Update Report

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This report tells the story of people in the Game Changer Action Network taking action around the world, solving climate change, restoring ecosystems, increasing justice, and restoring their communities' connection to nature.



# Overview

300 people have graduated from the Introduction to Community Climate Action Training since our first training in 2020. In 2023 and 2024, we surveyed them to learn about the climate actions projects they have launched and their impacts. We have heard from 112 graduates.

These are some of the key findings that emerged:

- **135** projects reported in **8** countries
- **3,980** people activated in their communities to contribute
- **49,297** community members impacted
- **75%** of the projects included justice, **66%** integrated connection to the Earth in their work.
- **All** graduates listed their projects as “In progress,” meaning that they will continue to expand their impact.

Action areas:

- Ecosystem Protection and Restoration - 11 - 28%
- Political and Policy Action - 10 - 25%
- Regenerative Systems - 11 - 28%
- Training, Awareness, and Media - 8 - 20%
- Infrastructure, Technology, and Systems - 7 - 18%
- Connection to Earth and Spirituality - 8 - 18%
- Having conversations in your community about these topics - 7 - 18%
- Joined an organization/group to help them with their work on this topic - 10 - 26%
- Leading/helping to lead a project or organization on this topic - 22 - 56%

It is powerful to see so many people integrating climate solutions, justice, and connection with the earth - the heart of our mission and culture.

# Projects

Below is a selection of project titles and details to give a sense of the breadth and depth of the impact being generated. There is also a link to the full survey results (with some names removed for anonymity) if you are curious to go deeper.

## Project descriptions

Here are some examples of projects:

- **Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle** - North Carolina, USA - an interfaith alliance with a mission to educate/activate individuals and faith communities to implement changes that are greener. They have 74 congregations involved in the area. They do political actions and are currently activating a group of youths that want to educate students about climate change.
- **Environmental Awareness Reclamation for Total Health (EARTH)** in Kenya, led by Micah Opondo, has organized 22 community organizations and 30 schools to plant over 300,000 trees.
- **Urban Tree Canopy for climate resilience** - Kansas City - Aaron Itczack is working with his city government to increase the tree canopy in Kansas City - one of the most effective ways for cities to reduce heat from climate change and sequester carbon. Originally, he was focused on planting trees, but through the Climate Action Training, he realized he could expand justice by extending the program to bring trees into the historically underprivileged neighborhoods that had been “Red Lined” for decades. He is now working with those communities to make them partners in the decision making.
- **Citywide Sustainability Council** - Pat Wartinger, a former high school teacher with no previous experience in activism, convinced her city council to create a Sustainability Committee. The Council asked her to chair it. In under a year she has moved the town towards a green, renewable infrastructure including a citywide composting program and switching all street lights to LEDs, reducing the power used by 75%.
- **Bridging political divides to create a common future** - Kansas, USA- Noni Strand is working with the local Catholic Bishop to have a series of in-depth listening sessions with rural groups in Kansas to create a vision for their future. They will explore the struggles of farmers with our current food system and work to develop a vision for a food system that works for the farmers and for the land. Through the dialogues, they will slowly, humbly, create openings to discuss the impacts of climate change on the farmers and look for solutions that bridge the political divides.
- **Stopping Fossil Fuel infrastructure** in Bend, OR - Sara Moss built a coalition of 3000 citizens to reimagine their city as a livable, green future, starting by turning the city away from new fossil fuel infrastructure.



- **Consciousness projects for the fragile ecosystems in the world** - Jan Paul (JP) Buijs helped create a drinking water infrastructure for the Nukinì\_ tribe in Brazil; a hybrid health center for the Shipibo-Conibo tribe is being realized in Pucallpa, Peru; and an art school is in the process of starting in the Cerrado in Brazil.  
<https://picaflores.org/our-team/>
- **Cincinnati Nature Center** - Ted Bergh helped form a Climate Action Advocacy team to mobilize the Nature Center's 16,000 members into legislative lobbying on environmental and energy policy in the Ohio legislature.
- **Full Circle Compost** - Cecilie Stuart built a composting program in Topanga, CA that diverted 29 tons of food waste from landfill into regenerative soil. She is now replicating the program in the Malibu school district, reaching 5,000 students each year.
  - <https://news.pachamama.org/from-food-waste-to-regenerative-soil>
  - <https://topanganewtimes.com/author/cecilie-stuart/>
- **Carbon Neutral Zushi City** - In Japan, Shino Hanada and her team created a co-working system involving local government and citizens to realize carbon neutral Zushi City - the Mayor and most of the City council attended and have asked them to begin engaging with them in the process.
- **GoFundMe GreenTeam Education** project - Scott Hensen, a Vice-President at Go Fund Me, is supporting 500 employees and company leaders to engage in regenerative advocacy and solutions through GoFundMe.
- **Magic FM Radio Station and the Resource Center Project**, Liberia - Christopher Yarwoe launched a resource center and radio station to support the media, students, civil society organizations and the community to take action on climate warming, social justice, and movement building.
- **Accounting Alchemy Network** - Ingrid Edstrom is leading a network for professional accountants who are working to turn the accounting profession into a vehicle for regenerative change in our world, demonstrating the impact of our financial decisions on our planet and people, and teaching holistic and regenerative accounting practices.

## Project titles

Here are further examples of other projects from ICCAT graduates

- Living Laudato Si'
- Provide Solano County farmers support to protect their land using personal knowledge and respected resources of climate knowledge.
- Building emissions reduction
- Snake River Elementary School Community Garden
- Environment Stewardship and Sustainability Action Plan
- Reform Logging Practises & Funding Allocation
- Incorporating the movement to composting toilets to reduce the diminishing groundwater uses
- Renewable Energy in UAE



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- Save Toondah Harbour
- Terre de Liens / "Land with links"
- Agro-forestry in Malawi
- Hybrid health center for the Shipibo community
- Launching a Citizens' Climate Lobby Japan
- Tree Planting/Reforestation and Community Gardens.
- The GandhiMobile: Moving aHEAD with Love
- Climate Action Eugene
- Exploring White Supremacy and Indigenous Allyship
- Wisdom Heart Circles
- Community Organizing and Tree Planting in Homa Bay, Kenya.
- watershed planning to include all members of the eco-community
- Reforestation in the OH, KY, IN region
- Resistance to the use of glyphosate and other threats to sustainable agriculture
- Green burials and eco-friendly body disposition
- Open Space Land Stewardship
- Food System Changers' Intensive: manifesting love in your relationship with food
- Old Growth Protection on Vancouver Island
- CCAN's Stop Project Pipes Campaign
- CCAN Campaign to support passing of the Healthy Homes Act
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Urban forest in Moab Utah
- Save Ohio Parks
- IT Resource Learning Center on Climate Resilience
- Dance as Activism for Youth Climate Summit
- Education from a deeper perspective
- Updating Drawdown workshops for Project Regeneration
- Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle