



Plan ; Pause : Replay

*Can we bring together a grassroots led response the like of which we have never seen,
to a threat the like of which we have never faced?*

The catastrophe of climate change has given us a shared deadline for change and a simple decision to make: do we want to stick with our current unjust system and be wiped out - or re-design a kinder, more connected, more conscious way of life that enables us to survive, and even thrive? We can't respond to the range of crises we're facing using the same traumatised and traumatising strategies and structures that got us into them: we need to be sure that any new system we are building will give us different results.

We are in uncharted waters: we need to get familiar with not knowing. Without maps we need to be creative, daring and use experiments, tests and feedback loops to help us understand our next small, wise steps. We are going to need new approaches to help us think, be creative with and supportive to one another.

The current system is fundamentally based on fear and control. 'Plan ; Pause ; Replay' is asking what are the essential elements of our collective well-being? Could we shift our economy and social systems to be in the service of people and the wider systems we rely on for survival? How would it be to pause long enough to change how we do things on the basis that 'my health depends on your health'? What if we started by assuming there is enough to meet everyone's real needs? What new opportunities for joy, community, culture, creativity, learning/education might be supported by such a system?

'Plan ; Pause : Replay' is a proposal for a 2 year planning phase towards a 2 year pause of all economic activity except that needed for all of our health, water, food and shelter. This would then move into a phase of redesigning and resetting whole systems (self-determined and specific to different places) with a focus on doing no harm while ensuring health for people and places.

Covid has shown (in a badly mis-managed way) that such a time-bound economic pause is entirely possible. We are currently being forced back into the business-as-usual destruction of our future. Can we collectively decide to ensure a longer 'pause' of frenetic economic activity (without the virus, but with the security of mutual support) as a way of reclaiming our livelihoods, our communities and our future?

Grassroots to Global is contacting people from diverse communities with skills and solutions that are low-impact, low-emissions and high-respect for people and planet to kick off the co-creation of a radical plan to parachute our economy off a carbon emissions cliff edge, taking all of us safely down to a high quality life that prioritises health, water, food, shelter for all.

Once the initial plan is good-enough, we will work towards people's assembly processes that could enable local communities across Scotland to respond, input and continue to develop the kind of radical shift that our government would never consider without the determination of empowered communities insisting on it.

Please get involved by emailing us at engagedlistening@gmail.com