

# **Global Partnerships: Learning about Climate Change with students from around the world**

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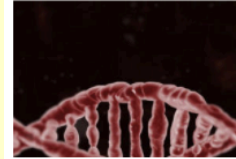
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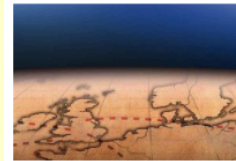


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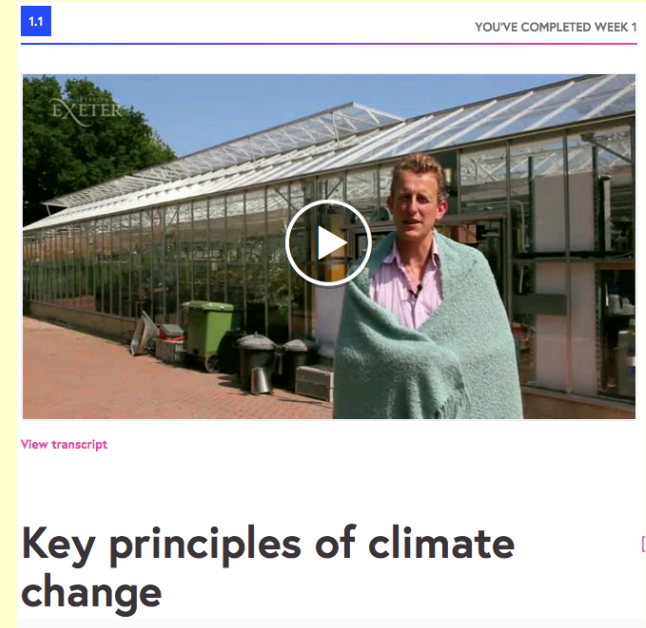
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# FutureLearn and Exeter MOOCs

- Free education from global institutions
- MOOC Platforms
  - Content Panel
  - Forum style discussion boards
  - Highly visual and interactive
  - Accessible
- FutureLearn...
  - <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/climate-change-challenges-and-solutions/4/>



# Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions

- 8-week course
- Variety of experiences
  - Novices: *“I want to learn more”*
  - Directly impacted: *“My village is threatened by Sea level rise”*
  - Skeptics: *“I want to learn about the climate myth”*
  - Skilled: *“This will help with my masters course”*
  - Prior knowledge: *“I want to be less depressed about climate change and find the solutions”*
- Covering human and natural systems



# Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions

- Methods of learning:
  - Group discussions
  - Video lectures
  - Online whiteboards
  - News and website articles
  - Test and reflect
  - Feedback video
- Peer learning
- Facilitators and Educators present almost 24/7



# Experiences as a facilitator

- Experiences are emotional

I can also give you my own case, which is entirely factual. 3 of the smaller wind turbines were erected, 2 at 300 metres from our house, one at 350 metres. Since then in the 10 houses within 500 metres there have been two fatal heart attacks (ok, one was old but that's no reason to kill her off) one stroke, one case of clinically high blood pressure and 5 people have tried to sell up and leave (only one succeeded so far). My own blood pressure has been monitored regularly since I had a heart attack in 1997. I did not have high blood pressure then (135/75) and I did not have it since. The day after the turbines were erected my blood pressure went up (to 190/90). The vets have put me on one then two and now three daily pills to control it and 2 more pills to stop the other ones from harming me. I have had an acoustics firm from London come & measure LFN here : they found it exceeded BS4146 (in farmland!). I keep a daily blood pressure log. When the wind blows & from the direction of the turbines my b.pressure is 150-155 /85 and I get nose bleeds. With no wind it is 130-135/75. When I go away to the next village or to London it falls to 115-125/70. This is the real world.

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# Benefits of global discussions



Jacqui Aimers

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Many homes in New Zealand have had insulation added & solar panels put in over the last decade



Maritza Erazo

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Simelokuhle Moyo

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There are no such buildings in Zimbabwe.

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Nikola Kuesters

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Dera Simelokuhle, , maybe the East-gate shopping centre is? I have once read that it was built in a way that it has a natural ventilation system, in order not to use ACs

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# Experiences as a facilitator

- 1:1 feedback is key to student engagement

 **Aminu Shehu Yaro** Follow 18 FEB


Sorry, i don't know hoe to use any of the online tools.

♡ Like

 **Alexandra McLeod (F**

Don't worry, you can


♡ Like

 **Lynne Shaw** Follow 20 FEB

I attempted to complete this online, but found that my scribbled ideas on paper were more efficient way for me to process the concept, so I ended up just uploading a picture of my diagram!

<https://app.conceptboard.com/board/kmdn-72bk-x8nx-6dya-e57e>


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 **Kelly Russell** Follow 17 FEB

Don't really know if I've done this right to be honest but hey I gave it a shot.

<https://realtimeboard.com/app/board/iXjVO4vO1Q=/>


♡ Like

 **Liam Taylor** 20 FEB

Hi Kelly - I've tried to access it but have been declined because I 'don't have permission to view it'. If you'd like some feedback on your diagram, feel free to 'share' it with me. Enter my email address on the share button (I think?): [LTaylor95@icloud.com](mailto:LTaylor95@icloud.com) :-)

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 **Liam Taylor** 22 FEB

Great stuff, Kelly! The pictures are great and it's very well described. One thing I'd point out is that the tipping point for ice to cross to form a Snowball Earth is 30° latitude, rather than -30°C - it's a spatial tipping point rather than a temperature one. Thanks for sharing!

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ed the diagram with seperate rings for

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# Experiences as a facilitator

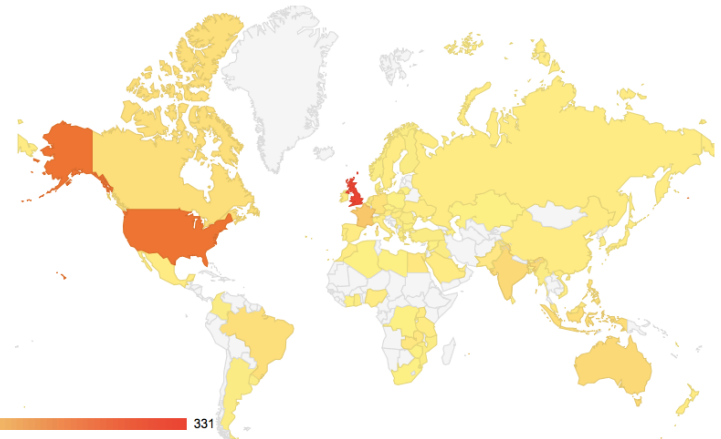
- You need to get creative!
- Answering messages on discussion forums
  - [Screen capture videos](#)
  - [Blog posts](#)
  - #ExClimate Live...

## ExClimate Week 5 – What are the key controls on ice flow?

MARCH 3, 2017 / 1 COMMENT / EDIT

Welcome to Week 5 of [Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions!](#) I hope you're

Stats for 2017

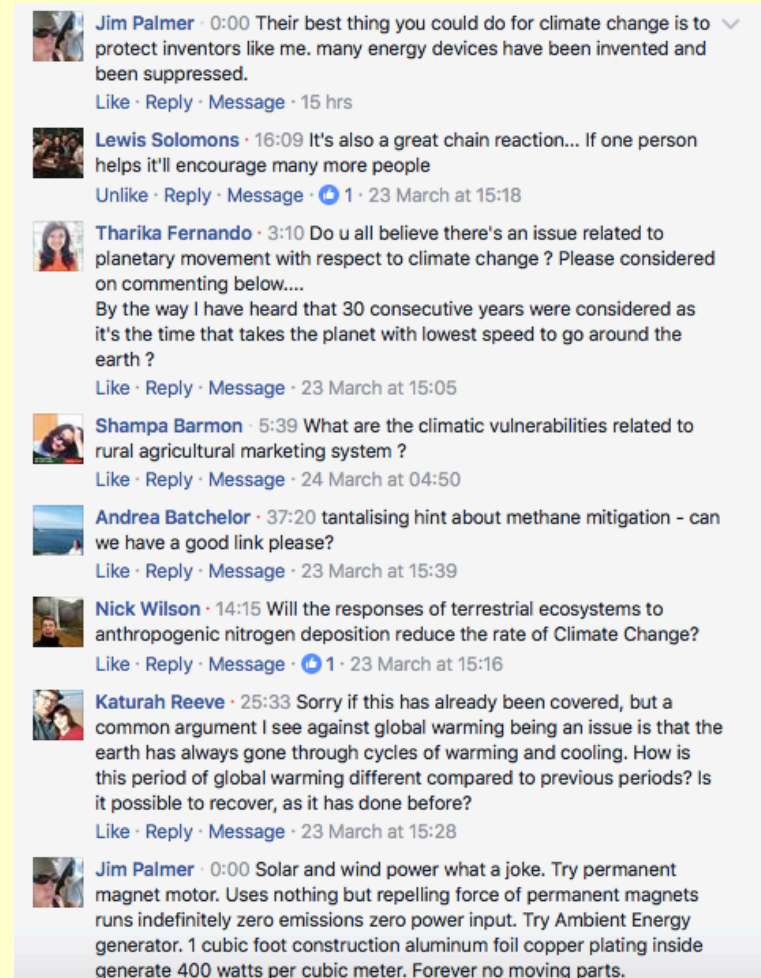


Cameras from Swansea University recorded the enormous calving event at Helheim Glacier.



# #ExClimate Live

- 60 minute live feedback session using Google Hangouts on Air and Facebook Live
  - Allows real time engagement with audience
  - Instantly uploaded to YouTube and Facebook
- Learners dictate direction of session



# Sharing the stories of the course



## Climate Change: Stories from around the world

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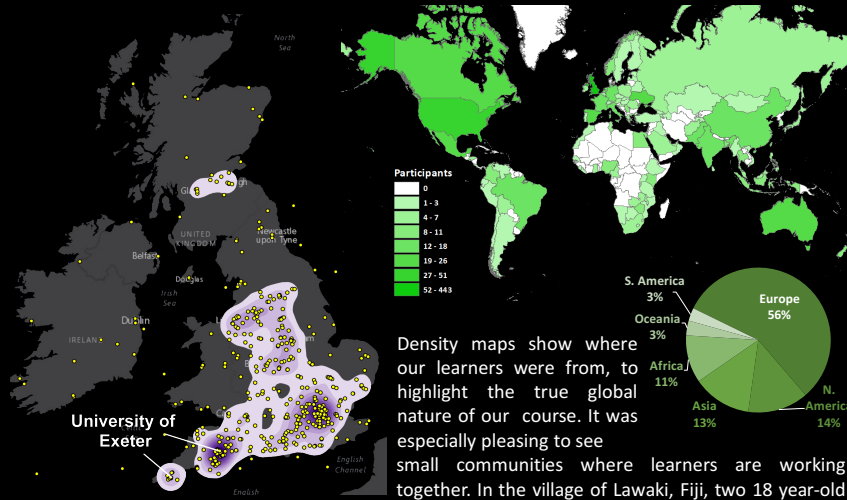
In January 2016, 8500 learners joined our free online course to learn about Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions. Our audience included learners from almost every country on Earth, each sharing stories about what Climate Change means to them.

An ArcGIS online feature class was used to enable learners to populate the course map. The map included stories from people directly experiencing climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation.



Each story was submitted via the course discussion boards and supplemented with a map location, pictures and videos to increase the visual appeal of the story map. One learner, Carlos Javier from Venezuela, shared pictures of his farm to highlight the effect drought is having on his livelihood.

By zooming around the world between stories, the story map emphasizes the global nature of climate change. Stories themselves give a personal account of how people are coping – hopefully to persuade people to live more sustainably.



Density maps show where our learners were from, to highlight the true global nature of our course. It was especially pleasing to see small communities where learners are working together. In the village of Lawaki, Fiji, two 18 year-old learners joined us because their village was threatened by climate change. In total, we had:

- 8,514 learners
- 1,034 location pins
- 103 countries
- 16 educators and facilitators
- 8 stories highlighted

[arcg.is/1UcVISK](http://arcg.is/1UcVISK)



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# Global partnerships in action





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