

## Building Hope Together



*"Hope is often misunderstood. People tend to think that it is simply passive wishful thinking: I hope something will happen but I'm not going to do anything about it. This is indeed the opposite of real hope, which requires action and engagement."*

*~ Jane Goodall, The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*

Our team has noticed that our energy and enthusiasm for climate change communication rises when we see ABCD as a part of a larger movement. We recently created a new web page about **Building Hope**, to celebrate progress, hope, and the exciting climate change responses underway: [www.belfastlibrary.org/all-of-belfast-climate-dialogues/building-hope](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/all-of-belfast-climate-dialogues/building-hope)

We also wrote this page to help connect the dots between climate concern, climate hope, and climate action. There are things each of us can work on today - from taking small personal action to working towards big systemic change. We all matter. Together, we can - and are - making a difference. And nothing feels as hopeful as taking action with others against climate change.

### Local collaboration: Waldo County Climate Change Symposium

On January 22, ABCD and the Belfast Climate Crisis Committee co-hosted 15 Waldo County organizations who are each addressing climate change in their programming. The goal of the symposium was to learn about each other's work and set the stage for future collaboration and action. A report on this meeting is [available online at www.abcdelfast.omeka.net](http://www.abcdelfast.omeka.net).

### Local action: What should be in Belfast's Climate Action Plan?

A key next step is collecting feedback from the community on Belfast's Climate Action Plan. What do you think are the most urgent issues and priorities? What are your ideas for how Belfast should deal with the effects of climate change? **Share your thoughts in our brief survey at [www.belfastlibrary.org/belfast-climate-action-plan-input](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/belfast-climate-action-plan-input).**



## Upcoming Events

### Deep Woods: How Climate Change Impacts Forests & How Forests Slow Climate Change

Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

Join Dr. Nicholas Fisichelli, President of Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, and Mark Berry, Forest Program Director for The Nature Conservancy in Maine, for a presentation and discussion about the interactions between Maine forests and climate change. The discussion will cover the current and potential impacts of changing climate on our forests, including shifts in species' distributions and the disturbances that impact forests, factors that help keep forests resilient, potential management responses, and the role of forests in capturing carbon from the atmosphere and storing it in forests, soils, and forest products.



Dr. Nicholas Fisichelli and Mark Berry

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*The All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues (ABCD) project is capturing community perspectives - photographs, written stories, videos and more - on the ABCD website. This collection will help increase our awareness of each others' experiences, create a point of reference for the future, and perhaps prompt us to take action now in preparation for the challenges ahead.*

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