

## CCA Political Pod newsletter March 2024

We now have 127 members from all corners of our Earth.

### For those who are new to this CCA pod, welcome.

The Political Pod is a group of climate-aware coaches who aim to support politicians and leaders, whether at international, national or local level, to share collective visions and work with concerned voters. We believe that most people, including politicians, care about the climate crisis and want to act, though it is not easy.

We support policymakers to sort their thoughts, clarify their strategies and shift their emphasis. Our coaching can help them focus on what is crucial and how to handle complex situations in a way which includes not just today's voters but future generations. It can help our clients re-vision preferred futures, shape messages and develop sustainable strategies.

The Political Pod, like the CCA, has a truly global membership which is therefore able to draw on different visions and world views (as well as languages and cultural nuances).

### Seasonal Heartbeat Community Festival 6-11 March

The Political Pod hosted three sessions in the fantastic Community Festival curated by Hazel Farrar and Stu Pickles.

Jackie Arnold interviewed **Veronica Lysaght** of the Novara team (see photo above) about her and her husband selling up to sail around coastal communities to support them to meet the challenges of climate change. They have no sponsorship, no set agenda, and network everywhere to connect with local authorities and politicians, and deliver workshops without mentioning climate change and really listening to community needs with no set agenda.

Lydia Stevens interviewed **Jamie Bristow** who dazzled us with his overview of how we got to the state we're in. He focussed on how to understand the mindset and the cultures that need to shift for us all to embrace sustainability. He asked what is the inner dimension of climate and drew our attention to the emerging narrative that the climate crisis is a relationship crisis, a crisis of disconnection and separation from nature, from other people and from ourselves. He invited us to take part in a short survey on Inner Development Goals [here](#).

Fiona Anderson interviewed Mat Collishaw about his exhibition at Kew Gardens ( closes 7 April) and found the former Young British Artist thoughtful, humble and endlessly curious in making connections between the state of nature and human preoccupations. He shared some new work with us where he's used AI to create disturbing images of plants morphed with insects. He doesn't deliberately foreground climate change in his work but finds the unsettling images he creates are a route to getting people to change their thinking and enter the debate about what we are doing to nature..

There were many other inspiring sessions, please keep checking the CCA website [Past Events section](#) for the recordings.

## Coming up next

### **11 April 08.30 GMT Eveline Lemke Circular Economy Guide (open to all CCA members)**

Eveline Lemke chairs the circular specialists' group for the German national association for a sustainable economy. She started her career as a steel scrap merchant in the 1980s, then entered politics as member and chairwoman of the Green Party in Rhineland-Palatine, where she became State Minister of economic affairs, climate protection, energy, and land planning until 2016, driving the energy transition. After her time in office, she set up a think-tank, dedicating her time to the development of circular economy on all levels.

Facilitator Katarzyna Schubert Panecka adds: "To make the session interactive and inclusive we will use [Liberating Structures](#) as a facilitation approach combined with our coaching values. We will first hear from Eveline about what she is facing today in the context of multi-faceted tensions in relation to climate, eco-systems and social clashes and where and how coaches could support her. Participants will then be asked to think of their own questions in small groups to pose to Eveline"

The session is open to all CCA members so sign up [here](#) to be sure of a place..

### **9 May 08.30 BST Join [Georgia Taylor](#) – an active local politician in East Sussex (UK); Councillor for the [Green Party](#).**

Deputy Leader of the Green Party Group, Forest Row and Groombridge Division. She'll be asking what mindset do politicians currently have, and need to further develop, to support a regenerative world? How can coaching approaches unblock some of the challenges faced by local government politicians?

You can register for the session here <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkdemvrTMjG9zRGljOpDTRkKgvFwtwupcd>

We plan to run another Peer support session on **13 June**, and have a speaker offer for **11 July**, do put forward your own ideas for future sessions.

## Playbook Progress

Reaching its final editing phase the excellent work on the Playbook is continuing with the team constantly endeavouring, given the speed of change in our world, to ensure that the 'Why, What & How' of coaching for climate change is thoroughly researched and validated. Producing what we now hope will be a gold standard to support coaches, teachers, therapists, leaders, politicians and all others engaged in global systemic change takes time but we hope it will be worth the wait. We anticipate completion by June/July 2024.

## Join A Book Club Circle

If you'd like to explore the CCA book Ecological and Climate-Conscious Coaching, there are several dynamic circles already established led by enthusiastic hosts. Here's the list of the existing book circles starting their 8-week journey at the beginning of April. All eagerly awaiting participation of CCA Community members.

1. On Tuesdays at 11am (Dublin) hosted by Róisín Dexter [registration link](#)
2. On Tuesdays at 8pm (New York- ET/ Los Angeles 5pm PT) hosted by Cristina Custodio and Elena Espinal [registration link](#)
3. On Wednesdays at 12:00pm CET (Zurich) hosted by Justin D'Atri [registration link](#)
4. On Wednesdays at 5:00pm (London) hosted by Alison Maitland , [@Stu Pickles](#) and [@Jo Peters](#) [registration link](#)

Newcomers are always welcome to the Political Pod, we meet on the second Thursday of every month at 08.30 GMT. Feel free to share our newsletter!

Happy Easter!

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