

## **Laudato Si' Animators Program update**

“Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” — **Pope Francis**

Around the world, Catholics are sparking action to protect creation. Laudato Si' Animators light that spark. Myself and Columba Timmins have recently undertaken the month-long Animators course provided free online by the Global Catholic Climate Movement. The next opportunity to join is later this month – 26th July

The Laudato Si' Animators Program trains and inspires us local volunteers to bring Catholic teaching on our climate and ecological emergencies into where we live. We Animators come from all walks of life: students and retirees, clergy and lay people, experts and amateurs. As Pope Francis says in his encyclical, “Everyone’s talents and involvement are needed” to protect creation. (Laudato Si' #14)

The training is comprehensive. From the mechanics of greenhouse gas emissions to our scriptural role as stewards of creation, online training sessions equip us to transform our community. We join a global family of Laudato Si' Animators working as one to protect our common home.

With hands-on support and guidance along the way, Animators on this coming course will complete a project during the Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October). Enrol for this joyful Program now by clicking on <https://laudatosianimators.org/>. It's our invitation to bring Catholic teaching to life.

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