



**extinction
rebellion**

**WHAT IS A CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY
AND WHY IS IT EXTINCTION REBELLION'S
THIRD DEMAND?**





PROBLEMS WITH UK PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM

- One person every five years
- Short term decision making
- Not truly 'representative'
- Politicians align with party and dependent on vested interests
- Limited scope for radical ideas



**Randomly select
and stratify citizens
(sortition)**

1

**Read submissions
from public**

3

**Draft and vote on
recommendations**

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**Hear from experts,
stakeholders
& rightsholders**

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**Facilitated
deliberation in
small groups**

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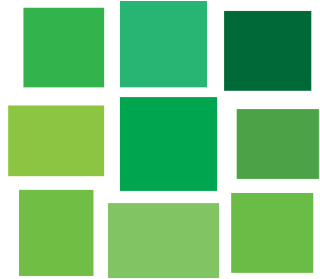
**Government
implements
recommendations**



HOW A CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY WORKS



An Tionól Saoránach



The Citizens' Assembly

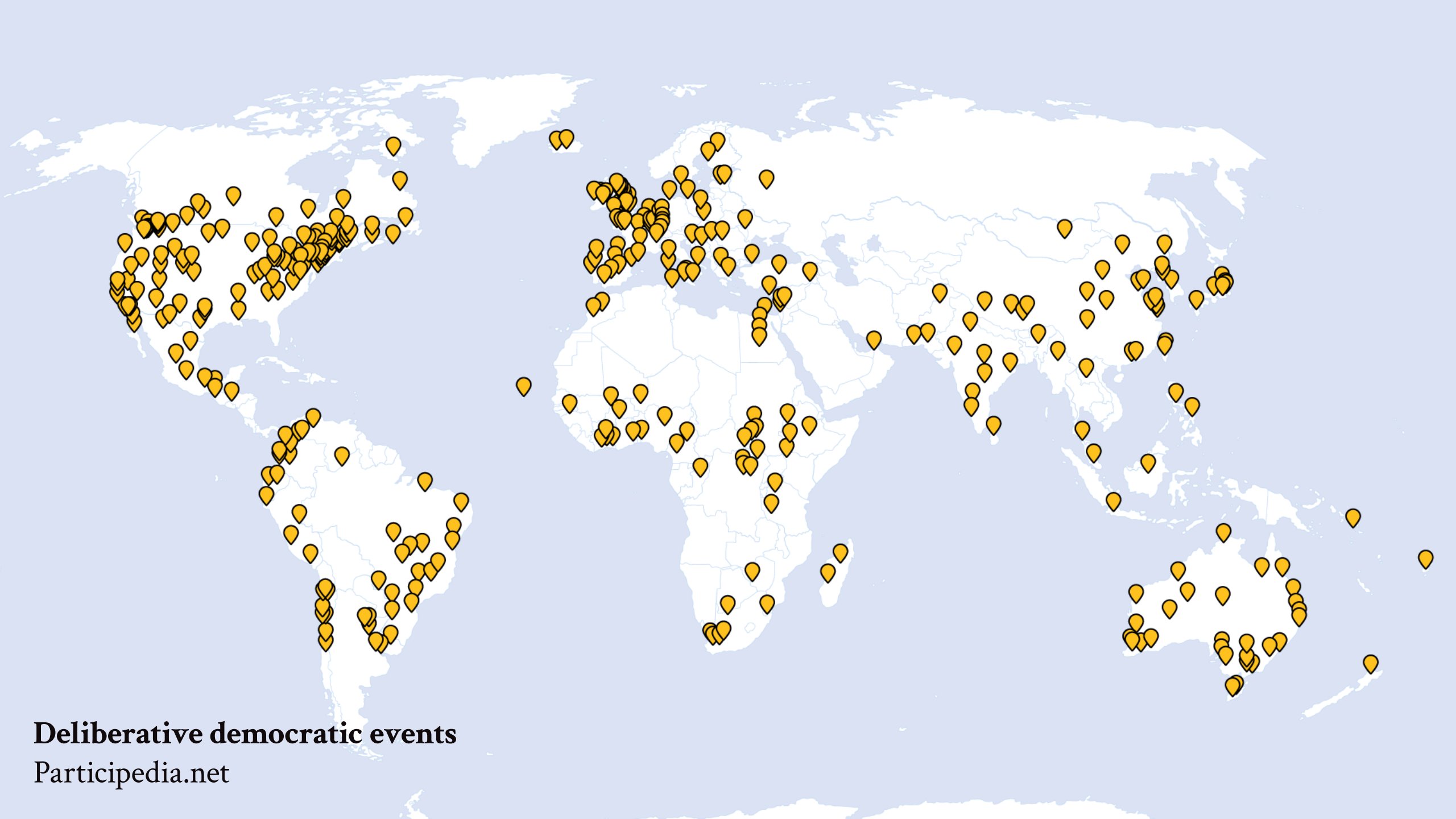
- Established by Irish Parliament
- 99 citizens
- 5 issues over 1.5 years
- Legalised gay marriage and abortion
- Informed political debate and referendum question
- CA on abortion recommended w/64%, referendum result 66%



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"It's not just a particular type of people who've gone to college and they've studied something and they're all making views on it. You get to hear what the ordinary people, the people that it affects on the ground, how they feel about something. What they would like to change about it and then go about it in a political manner after gaining all of the information."

Noreen O'Flynn - Member of the Citizens' Assembly on Abortion, Ireland



Deliberative democratic events

Participedia.net



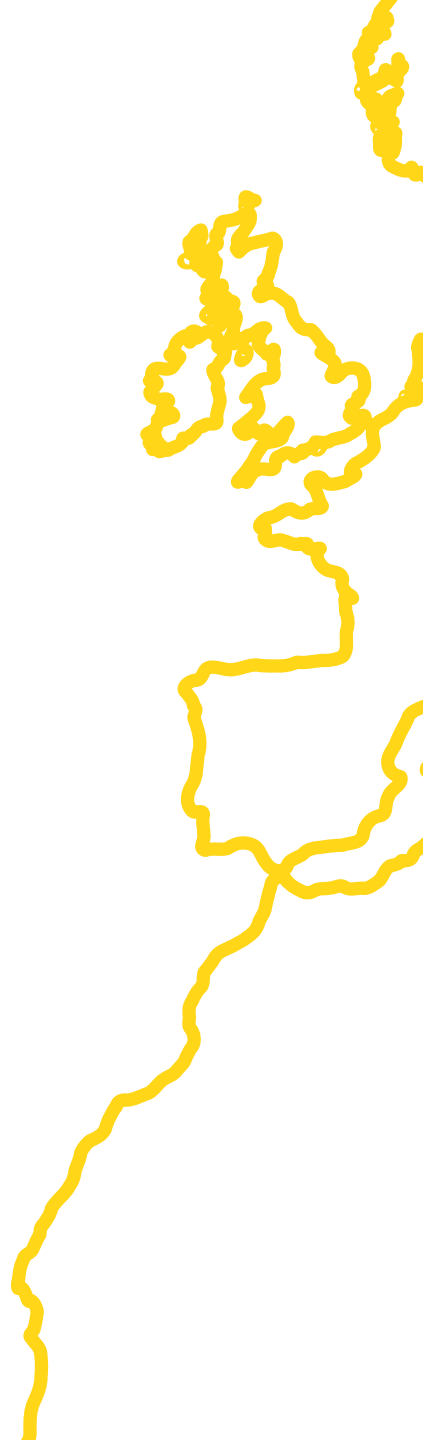
CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES

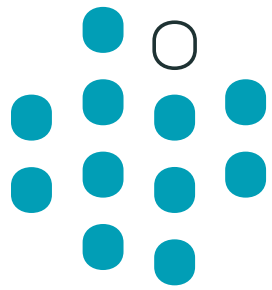
- Think long-term
- Break political deadlock
- Fair, real representation of society
- Transparent
- Informed, discussed and deliberated recommendations
- Collective intelligence



WHY A UK-WIDE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY?

- A UK-wide citizens' assembly is needed for coordinated urgent government action
- We need everyone in the same room for UK-wide policy changes
- Local deliberative processes can make local level policy, but not for the whole country
- This is a global crisis; the UK government represents us in international negotiations





Climate Assembly UK

THE PATH TO NET ZERO

“How can the UK reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050”

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Better climate information and leadership from the government
- Fairness is important
- No reliance on future technologies
- Call for follow up CA

LIMITATIONS

- Date set for 2050
- Limited remit, e.g. no freight or import emissions
- Insufficient publicity
- Advisory

WHAT WOULD A CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE LOOK LIKE?



- Run by independent organisation(s)
- Several citizens' assemblies happening at the same time on different themes
- Size of each assembly at least 100 members each
- Justice must be central to all decisions
- Minimum six weekends
- If this citizens' assembly was commissioned tomorrow, we could see recommendations within the next nine months

XR WILL NOT DESIGN OR RUN THE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

We can't be the ones calling the shots
on decisions that affect everyone

We want standards to be upheld
but the independence of the Assembly
is **essential** to its success



THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY BILL

In a nutshell, the Climate and Ecology Bill calls for:

- The UK to make and enact a serious plan
- Include our entire carbon footprint
- The protection and conservation of nature
- A Citizens' Assembly



STAND UP FOR CLIMATE & NATURE!

Ask your MP to back the
Climate & Ecology Bill.



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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY & PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY



- Deliberative democracy
- Group deliberation
- Informed by experts
- Random selection (sortition)
- 10-30 days
- Inform policy

- Deliberative democracy
- Group deliberation
- No structured learning
- Self-selected
- 90 minutes - 1 day
- Inform activist decisions

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