

Project: Climate Action Lab

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UUC's Green Sanctuary Committee, Sustainable Northeast Seattle (a neighborhood organization dedicated to local sustainability), and Climate Dialogues (a local environmental organization focused on climate change) joined together to put on an all-day workshop, October 11, 2008. The Climate Action Lab is a neighborhood-scale mini-summit where concerned citizens come together to network and acquire the tools to be effective climate advocates. The lab is designed to answer the question "What can I do that will really make a difference?" The crux of the workshop is a series of small group discussions with transportation experts that people can rotate through twice. The six small groups covered these subjects: cycling, pedestrians, land use, infrastructure/funding, climate, and transit. Each group had a facilitator and a subject matter expert from organizations such as Feet First (promoting pedestrian safety in Seattle), Cascade Bicycle Club, and King County Metro (King County's transit agency). Two state legislators also visited the workshop with tips on how to be a citizen advocate. About 50 people attended.

