

Women's Climate Conversations #8 (12 October 2021)

After the Pandemic. What Happens Next? And why women's leadership is vital

With Dr Emma Dawson and Professor Susan Harris Rimmer

CHAT

Links

From Joanne Ede to Everyone:

<https://www.mup.com.au/books/what-happens-next-paperback-softback>

Review and videos about the book What Happens Next? Re-constructing Australia after Covid-19

From Joanne Ede to Everyone:

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-business-school/policy-innovation-hub>

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

Many brilliant gender researchers listed here: <https://www.griffith.edu.au/research/gender-equality-research-network>

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/21/obituaries/eunice-foote-overlooked.html>

From Hilary Wardhaugh to Everyone:

Here's a little short film about Eunice Foote <https://youtu.be/WxgAOKzOcbU>

From Joanne Ede to Everyone:

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/research/gender-equality-research-network>

From Emma Dawson to Everyone:

My call for a care-led recovery was published just over a year ago: https://percapita.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/The-Case-for-a-Care-Led-Recovery_FINAL-1.pdf

From Emma Dawson to Everyone:

And an earlier report looking at the state of gender equality in Australia:

https://percapita.org.au/our_work/measure-for-measure-gender-equality-in-australia/

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

WA had a great inquiry but waiting to see the implementation -

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2020/12/New-health-and-climate-change-framework-for-WA.aspx>

but it is not linked to a wider social policy vision - but it is still TERRIFIC

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

Qld has a good strategy but no social policy component

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/climate-change/transition/queensland-climate-transition-strategy>

From Rob O'Connor to Everyone:

<https://www.australiaremade.org/>

From Joanne to Everyone:

Australia Remade's Millie Rooney was a past guest for Women's Climate Conversations!

<https://www.womensclimatecongress.com/womens-climate-conversations.html>

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/28/poland-abortion-ban-sets-stage-for-womens-strike-showdown>

from Rob O'Connor

<https://makeitabigdeal.org/>

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

The Federal National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy is about to be released & I bet it lacks a human rights focus - <https://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/adaptation/strategy>

Comments and questions

I thought WA had a public health and social policy focused on climate. It has a framework around prevention.

Fabulous Emma, I have been talking about focussing on what we value as the start point for recovery and building resilience (in a disaster context) for years!!! Great to see this getting momentum in our conversations.

I despair a little that the 2 major political parties are so polarised, what do the panel think would “build bridges” for a CARE Led recovery? so that we can preserve and nurture the wellbeing of the planet and it's people?

I agree that we need to advocate a care led recovery but we live in a neo liberal culture that values economy over care – it's fundamental to our political system and has been since the 80s. I agree that this economic way of thinking and measurement ignore the things we talk about. How do we challenge this structural and economic principle especially when men tend to pay too little attention to women's voices with impunity.

The things people value are the things we care about. such a simple but important point. Reminds me of the common cause framework in centring the shared intrinsic values across cultures and communities regardless of the political/economic structure we may be operating in

I think we haven't helped our pacific neighbours even with the Pandemic issue!

Climate litigation is getting the government to make the decisions correctly according to the legal frameworks.

Should we not be partnering with men who care to amplify our voices, perspectives and concerns? We're not the only ones thinking like this, but I think we need to be subversive and strategic in positioning what we say and do. What do the blokes in power care about that we can identify and amplify? How do we build momentum beyond us?

XR members are gluing themselves to anything...

The knitting nannas are already sitting knitting outside Parliaments and some are being taken to court

Come and wheel a wire pram at Parl House

Parliament house 17-21 October, mute symbol of children's future. Roster on FB site Women's Climate Action.

We need to keep raising climate change with our local members regularly and bombarding them so they realise the people they represent have an alternative view and value to the short term policies than those that the government is hanging onto.

To develop understanding between people of divergent views and predicaments due to climate change, I think storytelling, through popular Music and Film is valuable.

How do we turn the care economy into a political campaign?

agree but the laws we have do not currently prioritise the environmental protection we need - so there is an urgent law reform agenda required - my focus is the right to a healthy environment.

I so appreciate hearing the urgent requirement spoken so clearly, so lovingly, from sisters-in-the-world. It does help strengthen and clarify my inner voice, much needed :-)

What role, Susan, for gender quotas v targets across sectors and leadership to help us get equity and flavour of vision we need?

Is it evident to anyone else that Australia's commitment to the Nuclear Subs has also progressed out of PM's newly acquired acceptance of emission targets

How is the announcement of Twiggy Forrest's new investment in Gladstone fitting into the Just transition narrative?

It is in current gov interest to divide us See BIG DEAL

I imagine that there is a lot of pressure from the Biden presidency for Australia to be more ambitious about climate, and I imagine that that may have been part of the negotiation around the subs and that's why he's working so hard to find a consensus in his coalition.

How do we call out the PMs rhetoric that changes so much depending on which influential person is leaning on him. Since Prince Charles called him out he says he need to provide leadership re climate change, till then he was promoting lumps of coal and refusing to set targets or a plan. Has he just woken up to the fact that his is a leadership role?

I was asked by a church organisation to volunteer my time and I asked for an audit of gender contribution first and a commitment to see gender equity improve as contingent

The key is action! If kids protesting could be guided to for example, plant trees, it will have positive impact and make kids feel better because they have contributed rather than becoming more anxious

We need to build on women's movement and support the activists

Indigenous people often appoint a male and a female leader.

What if we had a man and a woman from each electorate?

If democracy works, would our parliaments be intersectional...? Something to imagine and bring to reality

Susan, you have a great turn of phrase around gender equal, urgency, and the mistakes we may make if we don't take action, thanks

Check out

From Julie Macken to Everyone:

Thanks Susan and Emma and everyone - great discussion and I don't need to be asked twice to take urgent and direct action. Thanks again.

From Michelle Cavanagh to Everyone:

Great forum; thanks for the input of all the speakers.

From Di Kilsby to Everyone:

Thanks so much everyone. Great conversation. It feels like we are all galvanised, we need the collective effort and to keep joining the dots between all our different efforts.

From Rob O'Connor to Everyone:

Thank you everyone. It has been inspiring and galvanising

From Susan Harris Rimmer to Everyone:

Thanks so much for inviting me guys! Michelle - I am a big fan of Kim Rubenstein's idea that the Governor General should alternate male/female

From Jenny Robinson to Everyone:

Thank you all for your contributions today. These thoughts will help us weave our threads for our growing actions.

From Sienna ("Shenna") Aguilar to Everyone:

Many thanks everyone

INVITATION

EVENTS HOSTED BY SUSAN HARRIS RIMMER

Queensland Participants may be interested in attending these Difficult Conversations, that Susan previously advised us about:

Note – limited places – be sure to register

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-business-school/policy-innovation-hub>

State Library of Queensland

Difficult Conversations about Climate Justice from 5pm:

- Mon 1st Nov – what are the ETHICS of climate protest?
- Tues 2nd Nov – what becomes of the UNINSURABLE?
- Wed 3rd Nov – will Australia end up with GHOST TOWNS?
- Thurs 4th Nov – what kinds of HEALTH RISKS will climate change bring?
- Fri 5th Nov – what does URBAN CLIMATE JUSTICE look like?

Women's Climate Congress links

WEBSITE (Join the Congress via the home page on this site)

<https://www.womensclimatecongress.com/>

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN (Launching on 30 November 2021)

<https://www.nationalcongressofwomen.com/>