Green New Eskom Workshop Template

For those aiming to host a workshop as part of the campaign for a Green New Eskom, this document provides some suggestions and tips on how to run a workshop. The Climate Justice Coalition and 350Africa.org have been running several workshops. We outline the typical structure of the workshops below which you can use and adapt. We also suggest some helpful materials you can use for each segment of the workshop.

Introductions: Start by introduce the nature and structure of the workshop and the organisers behind it, to help attendees feel oriented and welcome. Then give space for attendees to do introductions to understand who is in the room and why, and help build a sense of connection. Intros can be particularly useful to find out what motivates people who are attending and how their own interests and struggles connect. You can ask questions such as what motivates you to come here and if people are affiliated with any other organizations or community groups.

Climate and energy awareness: Depending on who is in the room and they're level of awareness, you may want to do an introduction to climate change. You can find a Climate Science 101 here as well as other helpful skill ups on questions like fracking and divestment. You may also want to connect the dots on how our energy system's dependence on fossil fuels creates significant harms to our communities. You can read about the devastating impacts of coal on South Africa's communities at the Life After Coal coalition's website here.

Green New Eskom presentation: A central element of a workshop on a Green New Eskom is to talk about the campaign and its demands for a rapid and just transition to a more socially owned, renewable energy powered economy, providing clean, safe and affordable energy for all. We have gathered a range of educational materials relating specifically to the Green New Eskom campaign, which are available at: GreenNewEskom.org/learn. There you can find a booklet and flyers on a Green New Eskom, which is translated into English, Zulu, Xhosa, Sotho, and Afrikaans. The booklet is a central resource for a workshop providing a detailed overview of the campaign, the state of Eskom and how we can transform our energy sector. To accompany the booklet, we also provide a range of recorded webinars, podcasts, and articles. We also have a powerpoint presentation which you can use and adapt should you want to present on a Green New Eskom. Once you have given a presentation on the Green New Eskom, watched a webinar or listened to a podcast together, it's important to provide space for questions and discussion.

Action discussion: Importantly, we want our workshops not only to be about learning, but also about taking action. At the end of our workshops, we like to dedicate time for peopleto talk about how they would like to take action. Depending on your size, you can do this as a full group, or you can break out into smaller break out groups, and then come back together to share as a full group. Breakout groups are useful to build deeper connections and provide space for everyone to talk when there are a lot of people. To help with those discussions, there are some suggested ways to take action available at GreenNewEskom.org, as well as in the flyers and booklets. These can hopefully help provide some suggestions. However, attendees are also welcome to think of their own creative ways that they would like to take action.

Any other thoughts, ideas or questions? Then feel free to get in touch using the contact form which is available at GreenNewEskom.org