People’s Assembly and Communication with Citizens of Milton Keynes

The sustainability strategy makes no mention of how the council will engage with the citizens of MK, not just in terms of information sharing but also in terms of how citizens of MK will be truly an integral part of a democratic process.

It is clear that greater engagement and genuine participation of the people is more likely to lead to the changes we need to see in relation to averting climate and ecological catastrophe.

Is this reflected in the council plans?

Are there plans and resources to implement​ ​Participatory Budgeting and/or similar initiatives?

Are versions of​ ​Peoples Assemblies​ or​ ​Citizens’ Assemblies​ planned?

We are currently heading for 3-4 degrees of warming. How has the council prepare to tell the citizens of MK the harsh truth about this and how it will communicate to us the implications of what is required to avert the worst of the consequences.

Where does the council get the information guiding its plans apart from the local “experts” who are invited to submit information at the task and finish meetings? Does the council intend to share this information with the public other than the tiny, tiny handful who attend council meetings? If so , how?

Our local media is very biased and the spin it puts on anything relating to the council is invariably negative. Some very difficult decisions will have to be made if the council is to fully embrace tackling the climate crisis and how this is spun by our local media is of great concern.

What are the plans for public education to back up your Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration?