

The Earth4All Card Game

A guide for
facilitators



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The workshop

This workshop is an entry point for talking about our world and rethinking what we want humanity's priorities to be, with a focus on everyday life in your community, and the impact of our economic system.

The goal is to go beyond our crisis to imagine a different future, and to identify, through a participatory process, ideas to improve people's wellbeing and our planet's health.

Suggested running time: 2 hours

About Earth4All

The Earth4All initiative is guided by clear principles:

1. We can achieve wellbeing for all within the limits of our planet.
2. The crises we face are interwoven and need to be approached with a systems thinking perspective. For example, we cannot solve the climate crisis without also tackling the poverty and inequality crises, and vice versa.
3. Solutions must work for the majority, and they must be seen as fair and just or they will risk rejection.

Transforming our economic system requires widespread support. To achieve this, we encourage citizens from all walks of life to engage in discussions about transformative ideas. Together, we can jumpstart the transformation of our economic system to one that puts wellbeing above growth.

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Earth for All: A Survival Guide for Humanity presents the science and the new economic thinking that guide a set of recommendations for policymakers. Five extraordinary turnarounds relating to poverty, inequality, gender empowerment, food and energy are needed to build societal cohesion and improve the wellbeing of people on Earth within the boundaries of the planet.

In this workshop, we'll use practical experiences to help you understand how global issues are connected and identify the most important changes needed in your community. We'll explore various topics, prompting deep thinking and experience-based learning.

Welcome to the Earth4All card game Workshop.



Before the workshop

For general tips on how to plan and promote your event inspired by Earth4All, check out our [Guide to Organise Events](#).

First, print the Earth4All workshop cards on A4 paper, and cut them following the dotted lines. There are two decks – the Ice Breaker cards (**blue**) and the Discussion cards (**orange**). Keep both decks separate. Print one copy of each deck per circle of participants (see below).

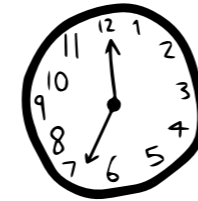
Next, download [the Earth4All introduction video](#) to your computer.

Finally, set up the space by creating one or more circles of chairs (max 8 per circle) and ensuring there is one facilitator per circle.



00h00 - 00h05 Welcome the participants and show the Earth4All introduction video

00h05 - 00h15 **Ice-breaker deck**



This is a warm-up for the participants and for the facilitator(s). The cards are shuffled by the facilitator and then participants pick a card at random one by one. Each card features a question to which they must answer orally in front of the group.

Although the questions are simple and apolitical, they will prompt participants to think about everyday things differently. Meanwhile, the facilitator can identify participants less comfortable speaking in a group and can then encourage them to join in during the next phase (see these facilitation tips and tricks).

We suggest time spent responding to each card is 2 minutes, but the facilitator(s) can grant extra time when the discussion is going well.

00h15 - 00h15 The facilitator explains the following: Now we will move on to prompts around transformational themes. Try your best, and most importantly be open to changing your mind.

DECK CHANGE



00h15 - 00h55 **Discussion deck**

This deck introduces economic themes via a lived experience perspective, both at a global and at a community scale. Like for the Ice-breaking deck, cards are shuffled by the facilitator and then picked by participants who react to the prompt.

Suggested time per card is 2 minutes, but the facilitator can grant extra time when discussion is going well.

The facilitator presents the next activity which is about thinking forward. In this third part, the organisers decide what the desired outcomes are for the session. This will depend on the characteristics of the participants, on the workshop's context (community event, political event, etc) and on your preference as an organiser.

The objective of this section is to get the participants to envision a different future for their community, one with less poverty, lower levels of inequality, more empowerment for minorities and traditionally-excluded genders, and more food security and energy resilience.

1h00 - 1h55 **Part three** unfolds, still in groups – see the opposite page for the step-by-step guide.

1h55 - 2h00 **Wrap-up** – The facilitator(s) presents the [different ways to engage with Earth4All](#) and encourages the participants to continue this conversation with their peers on a regular basis.

APPENDIX 1:

Envisioning the future

This method is based on [Rob Hopkins' 'What if' imagination work](#).

In the same circles, address the following prompts:

Step 1 What's already in our community that we value and want to retain?

(2 mins) individually – write on green post-it notes your ideas.

(8 mins) as a circle – compare and discuss your answers, organise them as you wish in the centre of the circle.

Step 2 What doesn't serve us anymore? What should we let go of? (i.e., ways of doing, being, thinking, working, consuming, projects and initiatives, resources and materials)

(2 mins) individually – write on pink post-it notes your ideas.

(8 mins) as a circle – compare and discuss your answers, organise them as you wish in the centre of the circle.

Step 3 In relation to your theme, what else do we need or what's missing?

What do we need to repair, restore, or create? (Think about connections, relationships, understanding, ways of being and doing, for now and the future)

(2 mins) individually – write on blue post-it notes your ideas.

(8 mins) as a circle – compare and discuss your answers, organise them as you wish in the centre of the circle.

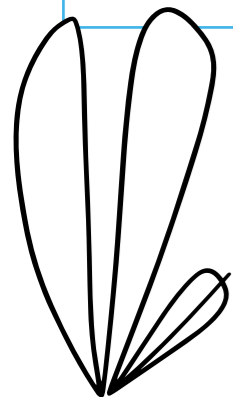
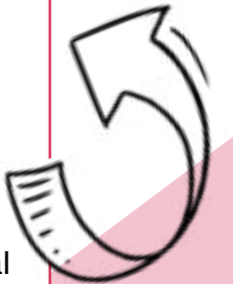
Step 4 Two options to choose from based on your objectives for the session (next page).

Option A: creating a manifesto

Based on your thoughts from the previous rounds, what are the NEXT steps to address the wellbeing crisis?

Popcorn conversation (free discussion) for each sphere of influence below:

- ▶ For decision makers – at municipality, regional, national level (5 mins)
- ▶ As citizens collectively with other towns, cities and places in our region (5 mins)
- ▶ In our community groups/communities of interest, neighbours, friends, family, personally (5 mins)
- ▶ In a plenary, participants organise the answers in a document (10 mins)



Option B: creating a visual map

Spread a huge sheet of paper on the floor and provide participants with colourful pens. Based on their post-it notes, participants are left to imagine and draw the infrastructure supporting the principles written on the post- its written in the previous steps. Final product should be a map of the future community (see photo for example). Facilitator can guide the process by providing prompts aligned with the post-it proposals.

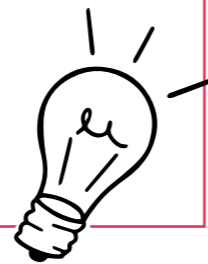
For example:

“How do you see yourself travelling from A to B in the city/ town?”

“Where is food grown?”

“Where can inhabitants meet?”

“Where is our energy produced?”



Don't forget to share photos of your final map with us by emailing them to info@earth4all.life or posting them on social media with the hashtag **#Earth4All**.

After the workshop

If you run an event inspired by Earth4All, we would love to hear about it!

Please [tag us on social media](#), and send us your photos with a few quotes from your participants to info@earth4all.life.

Don't forget to use the hashtag **#Earth4All** on social media.

Wellbeing for all on a stable planet is within reach.

Let's get to work.

