

ABOUT FORECAST NL



Forecast NL is a Harris Centre project aimed at facilitating a province-wide discussion to tackle the question:
How can NL create economic and social prosperity while mitigating and adapting to climate change?

This project will:

1. **Present the facts** -- all of them (or at least as many as we can), looking at all the angles, and encouraging people to talk openly and honestly (trying hard to see beyond the polarization and competition of concerns) about the challenges we're currently facing, especially those related to how climate change will (and is already) impacting our economy and society.
2. **Provide a respectful, neutral platform for the discussion of ideas and solutions** -- that means we're going to expect people to be respectful, polite, and considerate, regardless of whether or not they agree with one another. We know this is a discussion that concerns people's livelihoods, their health, their families, and we expect everyone to be respectful of each other.
3. **Identify promising ideas, actions or approaches** -- Throughout the series of discussions, we'll be looking for smart ideas to help us move forward - helping ideas become solutions is part of what the Harris Centre does, and we'll be working behind the scenes to give your ideas some "legs," connecting them with the right organizations and individuals, and making sure that no good idea is missed

How?

1. **Panel presentations and discussion forums:** over the course of the project, we'll be presenting live (and recorded) webcast forums with experts on topics related to climate change and its impact on the economy and society in NL.
2. **Online engagement platform:** This website will be the hub for the whole project, housing information and resources, as well as being a virtual "kitchen table" to listen, learn, and share ideas.
3. **Citizen Forum:** In addition to the general public's involvement, we are recruiting 45 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who are demographically and regionally representative. This Citizen Forum, will commit to listening to all the presentations and participating in all the discussions. They will also agree to engage in discussions amongst themselves to help identify the key challenges and opportunities that are facing our province, and suggest ideas and solutions for how we can move forward.
4. **Knowledge Mobilization:** Information and ideas are no good to anyone if they aren't mobilized - and that's why we've assembled an impressive group of people and organizations in all areas related to climate, economy, and society in Newfoundland and Labrador to form our Knowledge Mobilization Committee. Throughout the project, this group will meet to hear updates about the ongoing public discussions, learn about interesting ideas that have been put forward, and share information and ideas of their own.
5. **Final Reports and Convention:** These won't be reports to sit on shelves! Depending on what themes immerge from the discussions, we will invite researchers at Memorial to present summative reports that will

help mobilize the key takeaways, ideas, and recommendations put forward during the project. We are also aiming (if COVID restrictions allow) to have a final in-person conversation where we can bring all of the folks involved in the project together to discuss the key findings and identify next steps.

6. **Anything else we can think of!**: We may be a small, but we're creative - and we're looking at creative ways to help give this discussion the platform it deserves. We have some ideas up our sleeves but we'd also like to hear your thought and ideas about what else we can do to make this project valuable. **Let us know what you think!**

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