



## CCA Political Pod Newsletter – September 2023

Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the CCA Political Pod Newsletter.

The call to action for Climate Aware coaches working in the public arena is about:

- How we can support our powerful decision makers to take their blinkers off.
- How we can help them shift from their tight focus on economic growth (*What we want and what to do to get what we want*).
- How we can support them to understand that, from nature's perspective, our self-centered thirst for more, be it pleasure, convenience or material goods, is totally out of balance with what the environment can provide.
- How we can introduce and showcase ways of working based on interconnectedness with nature and promote political and public leverage in creating greater harmony.

In this edition you will find:

- A great summary of Marcela Scarpellini's inspiring presentation
  - "*Are Courts our Bastions of Hope?*" in September, and a link to the recording.
- An invitation to our October Peer Coaching Session
- A report on the Seasonal Heartbeat event in November which focuses on "Connection"
- A Playbook Update

### September Meeting "*Are courts our Bastions of Hope?*"

Many, many thanks to Fiona Anderson for contributing to this update.

Do please listen to the recording of the September Political Pod session with Marcela Scarpellini, an environmental lawyer from Venezuela. The aim of the session was to ask if the courts could be a bastion of hope for the climate crisis. Marcela is excited about the prospects.

Marcela told us how the law can be used (and increasingly is in Europe, the USA, South America, and the Pacific) to take on governments and corporations for their failure to mitigate climate change and a failure to adapt to climate change. She skillfully took us through five different case studies from around the world, including a Peruvian farmer suing a German energy company for melting the glaciers that irrigate his fields; a challenge to the Dutch government for failing to protect the rights of future generations; and Shell

shareholders supported by Client Earth pursuing Shell for failing in its fiduciary duty to account for the risk of climate change.

It was heartening to hear that lawyers can be so creative in defense of our planet and judges are having to spend time learning climate science to give impartial decisions. We ran out of time to truly consider how we could place this amazing work within our coaching practices, but it is good fuel, and we can surely find opportunities to share it with our clients. And once you start noticing, there are so many cases being brought to courts, this one by young people in Europe launched on the same day as our webinar. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/sep/14/young-people-to-take-32-european-countries-to-court-over-climate-policies>

## [Here's Video Recording](#)

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### **October Meeting**

**PEER COACHING: Expanding coaching skills together.**

with **Lydia Stevens and Fiona Anderson**



**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8.30 am BST (UTC + 1), 6.30pm AEST (UTC + 9.30)**

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*Where coaching skills generate better futures.*

## Bring your own issues for Peer Coaching

- Do you have a climate-related issue you want help with?
- Are our policymakers and leaders responding well to climate issues?
- Can we coach you to help leaders use their power for greater environmental harmony?

This session provides peer coaching opportunities to help you stretch beyond your current thinking about your issues.

**Climate-aware coaches endeavour to support politicians to share collective visions and work with concerned voters. We can support policymakers to shift their emphasis.** Our coaching can help shift mindsets, re-vision preferred futures, and shape messages.

### Want us to coach your issue?

Help us to prepare for this session by writing a 100 – 150-word summary of your issue and sending it by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to either:

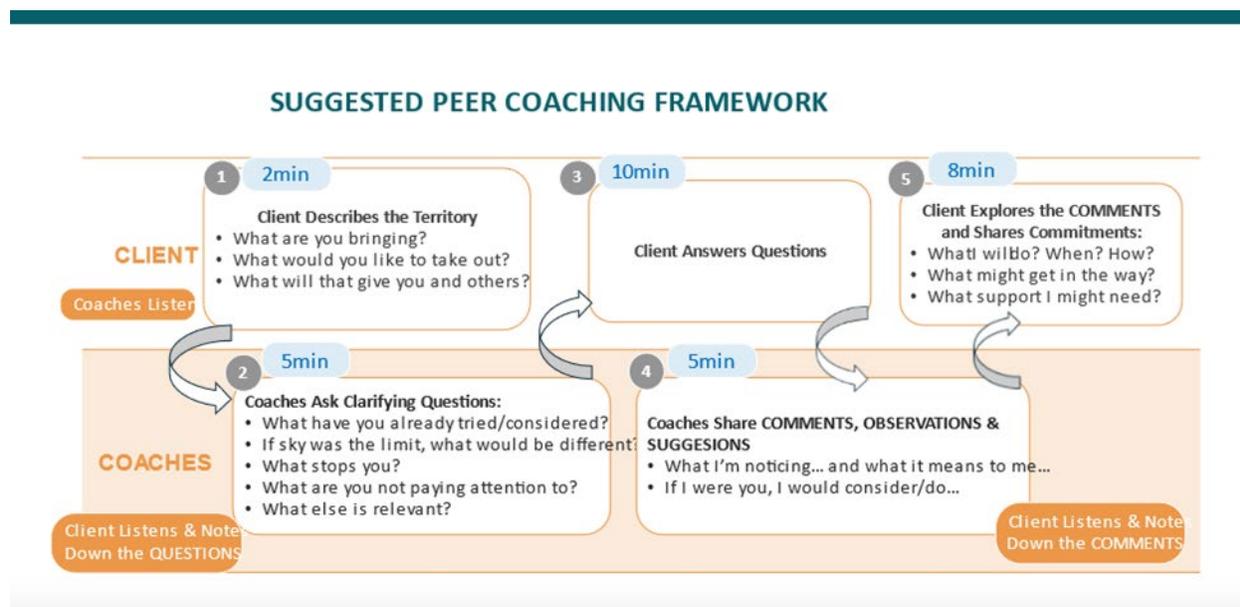
Lydia Steven: [lydia@climatebiodiversitycoaching.com](mailto:lydia@climatebiodiversitycoaching.com) or

Fiona Anderson: [fiona.anderson.01@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.anderson.01@gmail.com)

This will speed up the decision-making process and allow more time for actual coaching.

*Whether or not you have a current issue, come along and be part of these dynamic coaching opportunities to stay one step ahead.*

### The peer coaching model we use:



## November Seasonal Heartbeat



### CONNECTION - exploring the Principle of Enough

For this session, we are planning to explore the *Principle of Enough*. Operating in the world the way nature works.

Our connection with the natural flow of things is at the heart of how we can live in harmony with the forces and flows of nature. How can we live in harmony with the unseen, liminal energy that interconnects everything? How can we help shape a public shift to connect with what really matters?

If you find this idea exciting and would like to be part of a team co-creating this session, please email Diana at [diana@dianacollett.com](mailto:diana@dianacollett.com).

### Playbook Update

Time has been against the completion of the Playbook for Cop 28. As can often happen when projects are entirely reliant on the good work of volunteers, the need to focus on other life essentials has slowed the writing progress at the moment. The new deadline for the project is January and I am secretly hoping we can have a CCA launch of the Playbook at the March Seasonal Heartbeat. Huge thanks to Ruby Campbell for the many hours she spends coordinating the team. She knows how important it is to capture the essence of all the writers who have spent long hours on their contributions. So huge thanks is also going to the dedicated team at Southampton University. They are currently looking into how they can allocate some time and funds to support the final production of the Playbook.

Finally, there is a lot happening in the Political Pod at the moment, and we really appreciate the interest and support of all our Political Pod members.

Please contact Diana ( [diana@dianacollett.com](mailto:diana@dianacollett.com)) if you have any ideas for future meetings, thoughts about the Principle of Enough meeting in November, or other contributions for the newsletter.