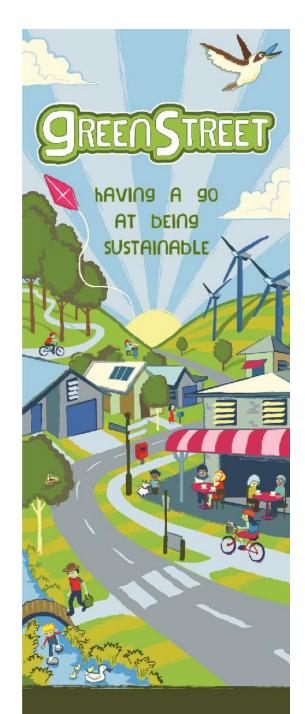
Green Street as a way to access knowledge and change behaviour

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The issue?

The mainstream in so called 'developed countries' is addicted to material goods and unsustainable living.



The flow-on issue?

The aspirational mainstream in so called 'developing countries' is addicted to being like 'developed countries.'



This addiction comes from our aspirations to be 'successful and progressive'

... and our belief that success and progress are judged by growth and our ownership of material goods



If we are to change our behaviour around climate change we will challenge some of the very beliefs and values which we have spent our lives developing.

Our criteria for success will need to be reworked.

How will this happen?



What works in changing the behaviour?

A major catalyst

Appreciate what is already being done – don't judge

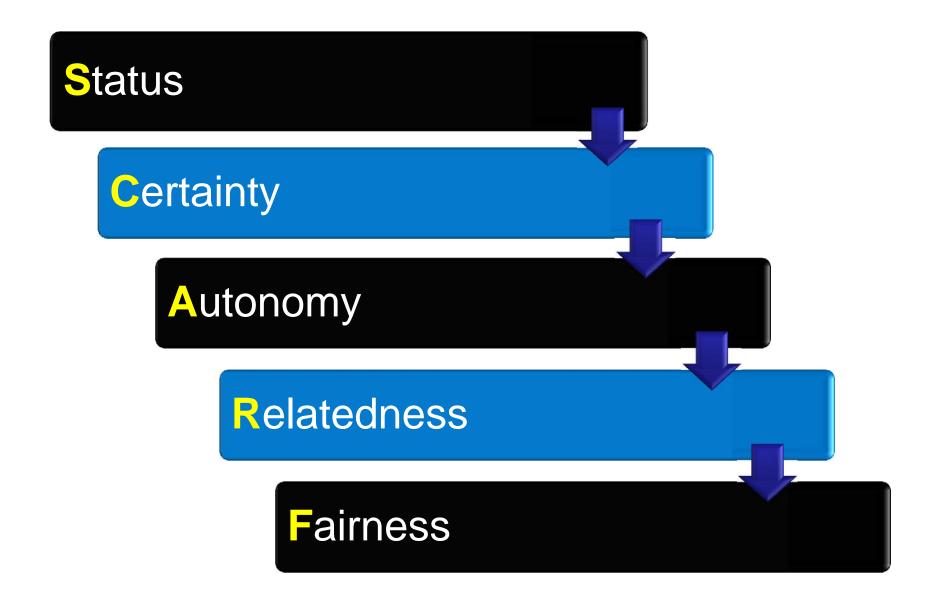
Appeal to higher order human aspirations

Support and reinforce changed practice

Create space to talk and connect

Provide consumable information on sustainability







Types of interventions

- One-to-one conversations with people
- Green Street Café process
- Sustainable Business Precinct
- Community Group Café process
- Green Street Schools Challenge
- Green Street social networking

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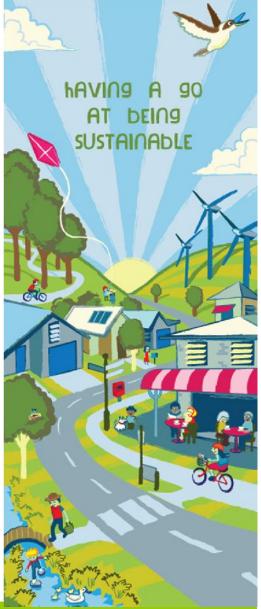
- Cold calling door knocking
- Local media
- Local Sustainability Hub





Some basics in approach

- Appreciate good things
- Use optimistic language
- Design great 'yaps per minute'
- Observe servant leadership
- User friendly and social
- Quality information
- Build confidence
- Promote 'having a try'
- Trust the process of conversation and story telling





To play your part you could **Join a Green Street**. You might like to go to Green Tips for practical ideas on how to reduce your dependence on carbon.









Suggested Improvement	Estimated Reduction	Add to my list
Use green energy - Instead of buying coal-fired power from the standard electricity grid, sign up to a provider which generates power from renewable resources such as wind, sun, bio-mass.	Up to 2 tonnes saved per year on a medium sized household.	