



GrayIsGreen

Who are we?

Gray Is Green is an online gathering of older adult Americans aspiring to create a green legacy for the future. As environmentally conscious elders, we respond to a generational call: to co-create a future of economic justice, ecological sustainability and social justice.

We hold next generations of humans in mind and consider the future of ecosystems and other species. We are alert to the historic challenges facing our planet. And we are aware of the question arising from descendants generations hence:

What did you do, when you knew?

What do we do?

We aspire to embrace our eldership, living beyond consumerism and ageism. **Our Curriculum for Gray-Green Living** offers a variety of ways to join—and re-engage with—this elder movement.

We offer a periodic newsletter, a speaker's bureau, online resources, a [Facebook page](#) for relevant updates. In partnership with congenial organizations, we serve as a central clearinghouse of ideas and communications for older adults interested in greening their lives, learning about sustainability, advocating for sound public policy, being creative stewards or grandparents, emerging as elders, and mentoring young people.

*We invite **you** to get involved!*

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World Views Humanism

What is Humanism?

Humanism is a worldview that encourages compassion and ethical action while staying rooted in human reason, without belief in the supernatural or otherworldly. Some Humanists refer to [Humanism as a religion](#), because it fulfills many of the important functions of a religion: it provides rituals and ceremonies, a historical context for a system of thought, and a community of like-minded people.

[Other Humanists](#) prefer not to call it a religion, as Humanism has often been a response and contrast to religious traditions. However, all Humanists believe that we ought to live our lives fully, meaningfully, and compassionately, and that humans alone have the responsibility to make our world a good place to live for all.

The Natural World

We know that humanity is an integral part of nature, formed by the same natural process that formed the rest of the world around us. The best way for us to gain knowledge of this world is through observation, experimentation, and rational inquiry. Whether through science, the arts, or reasoned thought, we rely on human intelligence to understand the world and face the unknown future. Science tells us that we are now facing a global climate crisis, and it is our responsibility to [respond to this challenge](#). We must rely on human ingenuity to face the challenges of the future.

Ethics

Human need and wellbeing drives our [ethics](#). Our values come from

experience, and reach to all aspects of the human experience and the global ecosystem. Each person has dignity and worth, and respecting each person as well as humanity as a whole, is what guides our choices. It is in the name of a deep and broad understanding of human needs that we advocate for the protection of our environment and our climate.

Fulfillment

Humanists seek fulfillment in the pursuit of humane ideals. Human life itself is a source of awe and reverence. We lead lives of profound purpose as we work for a more just and peaceful world, and see human relationships as integral to leading a good life. We work to help all of humankind move beyond mere survival and allow everyone to live a life free of poverty with minimal suffering. Striving to protect our environment for future generations is one of the many causes that can provide meaning and direction to our lives.

Responsibility

Ultimately, Humanism is a human-centered worldview. As we face the challenges of climate change and pollution, we rely only on humanity itself to find solutions. And yet Humanism also believes in the power of humanity to progress towards our ideals and improve upon ourselves. It is with the firm and informed belief in human capabilities and the human spirit that we approach the world and the future.



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