

# Hope for the Future

What's emerging from the climate  
emergency?

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# 2019 – Tipping Point

## Before

Having to justify basic facts

L/R political division

Largely empty political rhetoric

Zero interest on SLT

Huge efforts for tiny gains

Silence

Youthstrikes  
David Attenborough  
IPCC Special Report 1.5°C  
Extinction Rebellion



## After

Political Right on board

Participatory democracy

School leader training

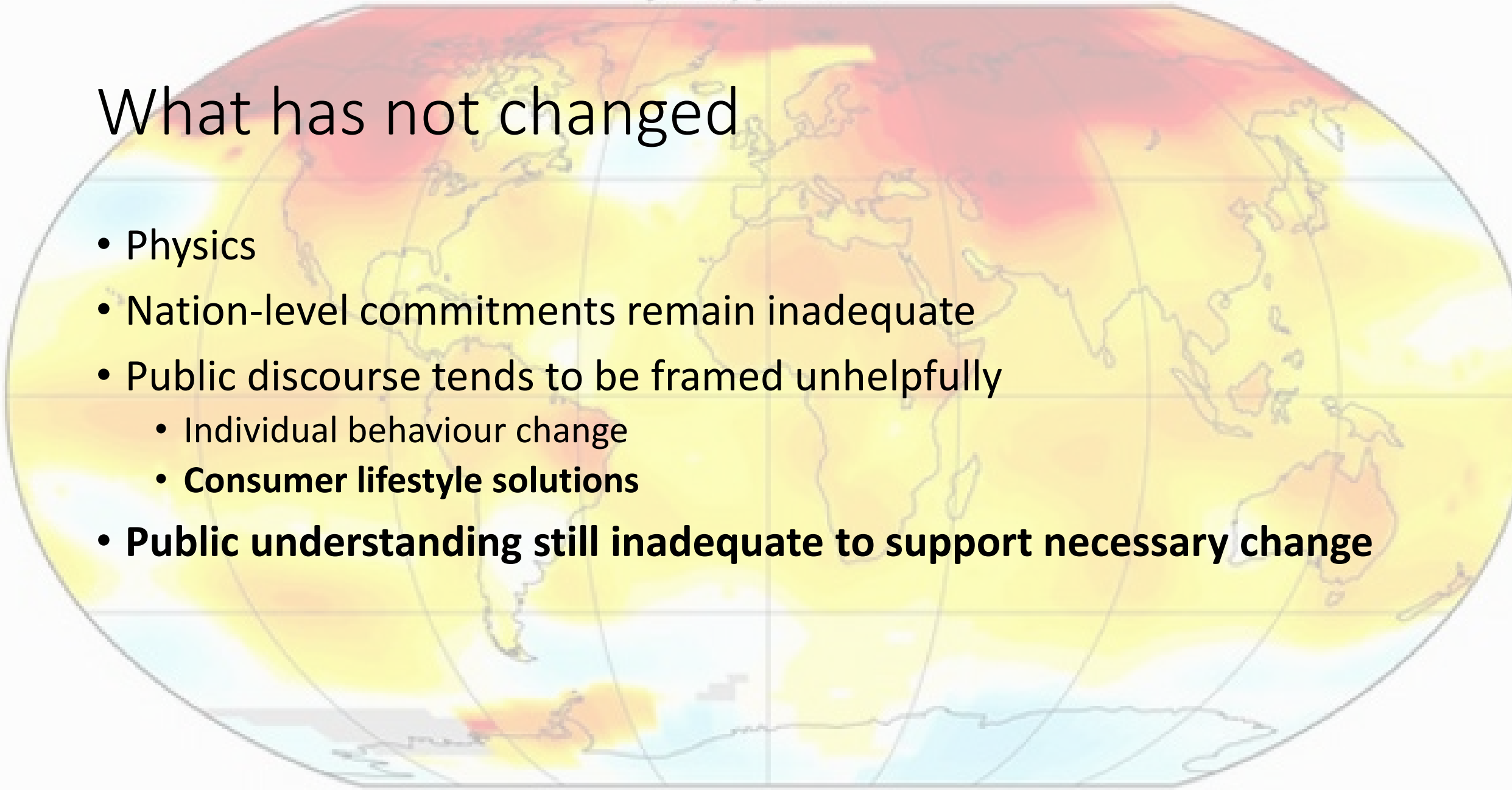
Access to all headteachers

3 proactive SLT members

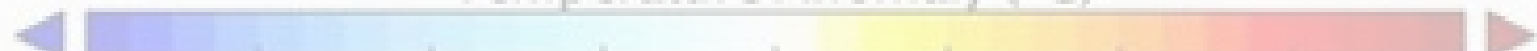
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# What has not changed

- Physics
- Nation-level commitments remain inadequate
- Public discourse tends to be framed unhelpfully
  - Individual behaviour change
  - **Consumer lifestyle solutions**
- **Public understanding still inadequate to support necessary change**



Temperature Anomaly (°C)



# What has changed

- Climate change is an acceptable topic for polite conversation!
- Public discourse is about what to do
- Irreversible political demand for action at every level
- Political ambition: net zero
- Denial industry evolving into resignation industry
- Rising alarmism/doomism
- **Eco-anxiety** has entered popular parlance
- Fracking is history in the UK
- **Fruit is hanging higher**
- **Adaptation is more urgent**
- **Lack of diversity is a real hindrance to the movement**
- Angles of attack are proliferating
- **Money coming onstream**



# REAP – don't change!

Roundhay Environmental Action Project

- Shining example of collective response
- Turning worry into positive, practical, inspiring action
- Responsive, proactive, forward-looking

# Things to consider

- Movement diversity – how to forge/strengthen links with surrounding communities
- How to use influencer status – the higher-hanging fruit
- Mental health support
- Community heatwave mitigation and emergency planning
- Carbon Literacy
- Tracking money streams