

# Citizen Assemblies

## Participation in Climate Transition

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## Who we are

Digidem Lab is an independent and non-profit **democracy lab** for participatory democracy. We study, test and offer internationally proven tools and methods for **citizen participation**.



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**Supporting organisations locally & globally**



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**A global movement for better democracy...**



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**..resulting in many initiatives**



## Studies show

**11 000** participatory budgets worldwide have a high proportion of climate proposals

Citizens propose more innovative and **sustainable solutions** than politicians

Citizen assemblies on climate are considered **more representative & therefore more legitimate** than the usual forums for climate activism

**Source:** [Participatory budgeting world atlas](#)





**Learnings & effects of climate assemblies**



# Why Climate Assemblies?

- Breaking political deadlock on climate action
- Understanding how ordinary citizens prioritize climate action
- Increasing the legitimacy of social action on climate change
- Reducing the impact of lobbyists and special interests on climate policy
- Fulfilling a commitment to citizen participation in climate action



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**National Climate Assembly in France**



## Some recommendations..

- Reduce advertising around products that lead to emissions
- Create recycling systems for glass and plastic containers
- Forcing shops to offer products without packaging
- Facilitate the use of unused buildings and premises
- Ban flights when train options are less than 4 hours away



🇸🇪 Sweden's first 🇸🇪

Citizen Assembly with  
the Swedish Food Agency



**What needs to change**

**so that you & everyone else**

**can eat in a way that is healthy,**

**sustainable for our planet**

**& that everyone can afford?**

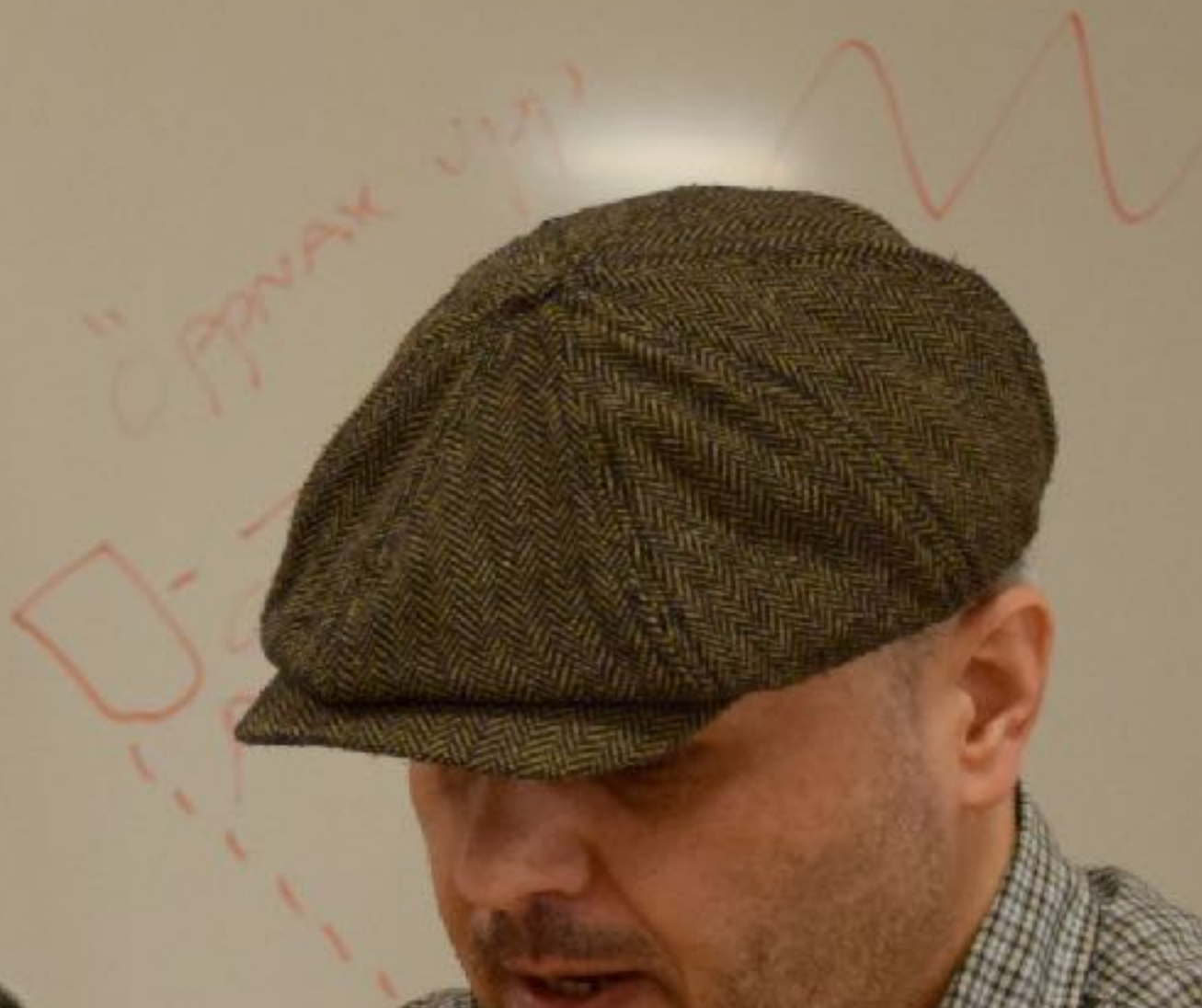








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# 2024: Gothenburg's first citizen assembly



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**30 representative participants**



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**Three sessions 2024**



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