

Preparing for climate change: how psychology can help

This presentation will address the role of psychology in preparing to address the consequences of climate change. I will start by reviewing evidence for psychological impacts of climate change, then discuss some of the ways in which psychological research is, or can be, used to modify behavior in order to mitigate the degree of climate change. I will then consider how the field of psychology can help create resilience, among both individuals and communities. I will close by suggesting ways in which the field of psychology can adapt to better address the societal needs that climate change creates.