

ZSL | LET'S WORK
FOR WILDLIFE

ZSL Learning Programme: Climate Change Initiatives

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ZSL and COP26

ZSL Statement

- Biodiversity loss driven by climate change, but also from habitat loss and degradation, invasive species, and pollution, which in turn deepens the impact and effects of the climate crises.
- Nature-based Solutions (NbS), such as the protection and active restoration of nature, provides a vital approach to mitigating, and adapting to, the impacts of climate change. These solutions need to form a central component of global commitments.

ZSL Calls to Action

- A commitment to nature recovery must be a key outcome of COP26
- Drive up effective protection and management of aquascape ecosystems – freshwater, estuarine, coastal and open ocean, drawing particular focus to the extreme vulnerability and threats faced by coral reefs and the rich biodiversity they support.
- Biodiversity benefits must form part of the planning and implementation for nature-based solutions (NbS).



COP26 – Why get involved?

Our children are witnessing a world in transition

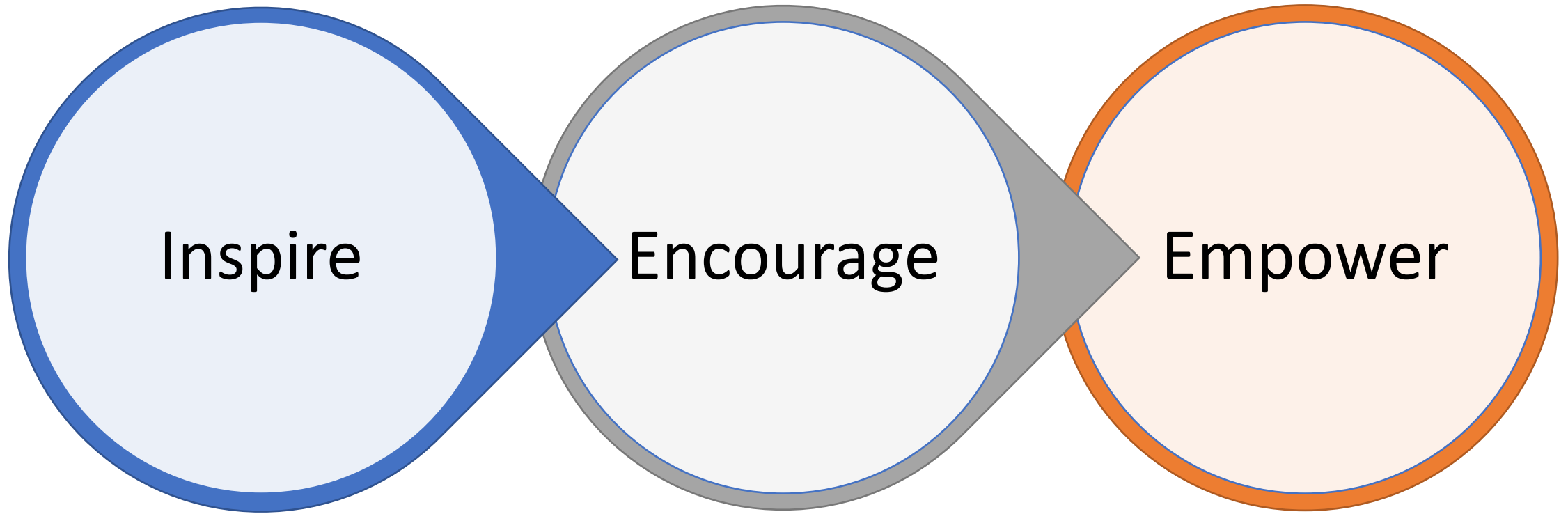
Teachers inspire young people. Power to equip them with knowledge, skills and courage to overcome challenges of climate change

Changes a school makes are seen by thousands of people connected to a school community and can send ripples of positive change across wider society

Once-in-a-generation opportunity to witness, understand and engage with the usually remote global political systems that will set the course of their future



Why should we teach our children about climate change?



Possible pitfalls....

Science Capital influences

Age appropriate and tangible

Start with a love of nature

Hand-on activities

Even a small car releases 1kg of CO2

Ryanair is a major industry accounts for 10% of greenhouse gas emissions on the globe, compared to the amount generated by road transport.



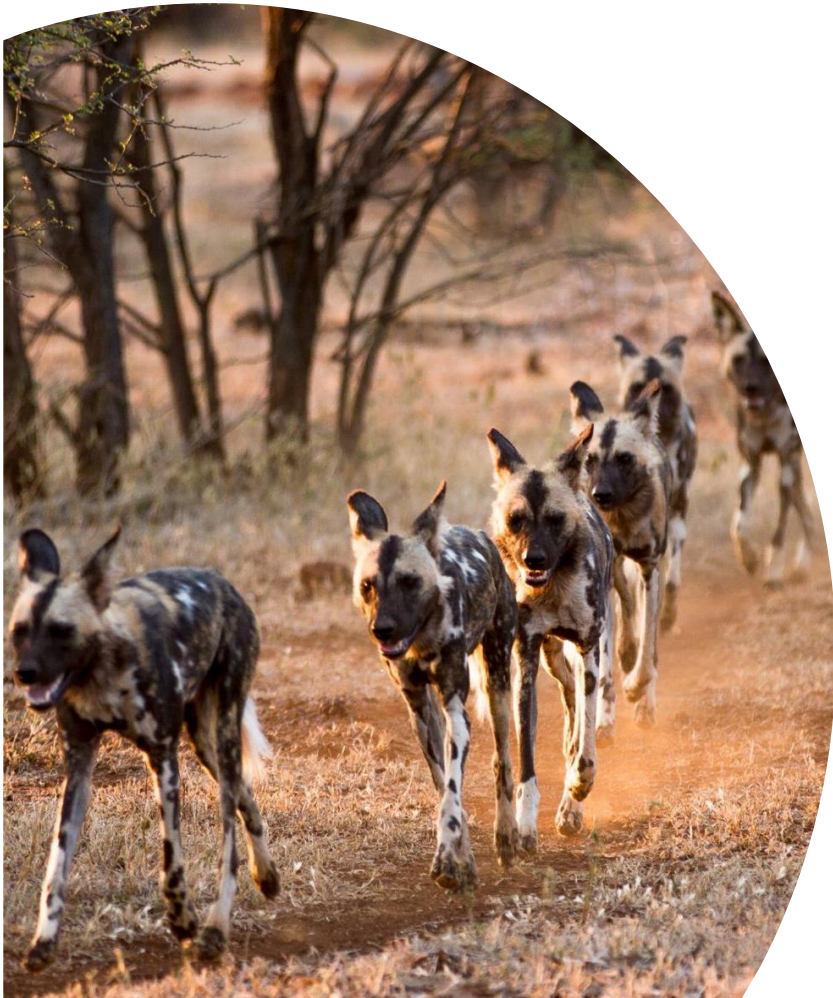
Lead by example

Regular conversations

You don't know everything..



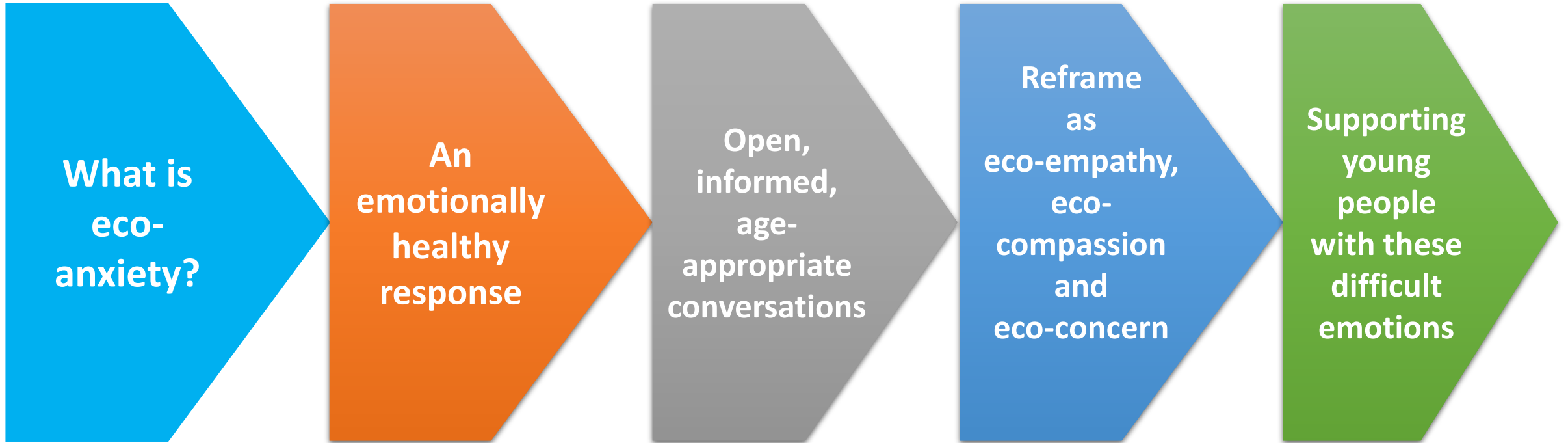
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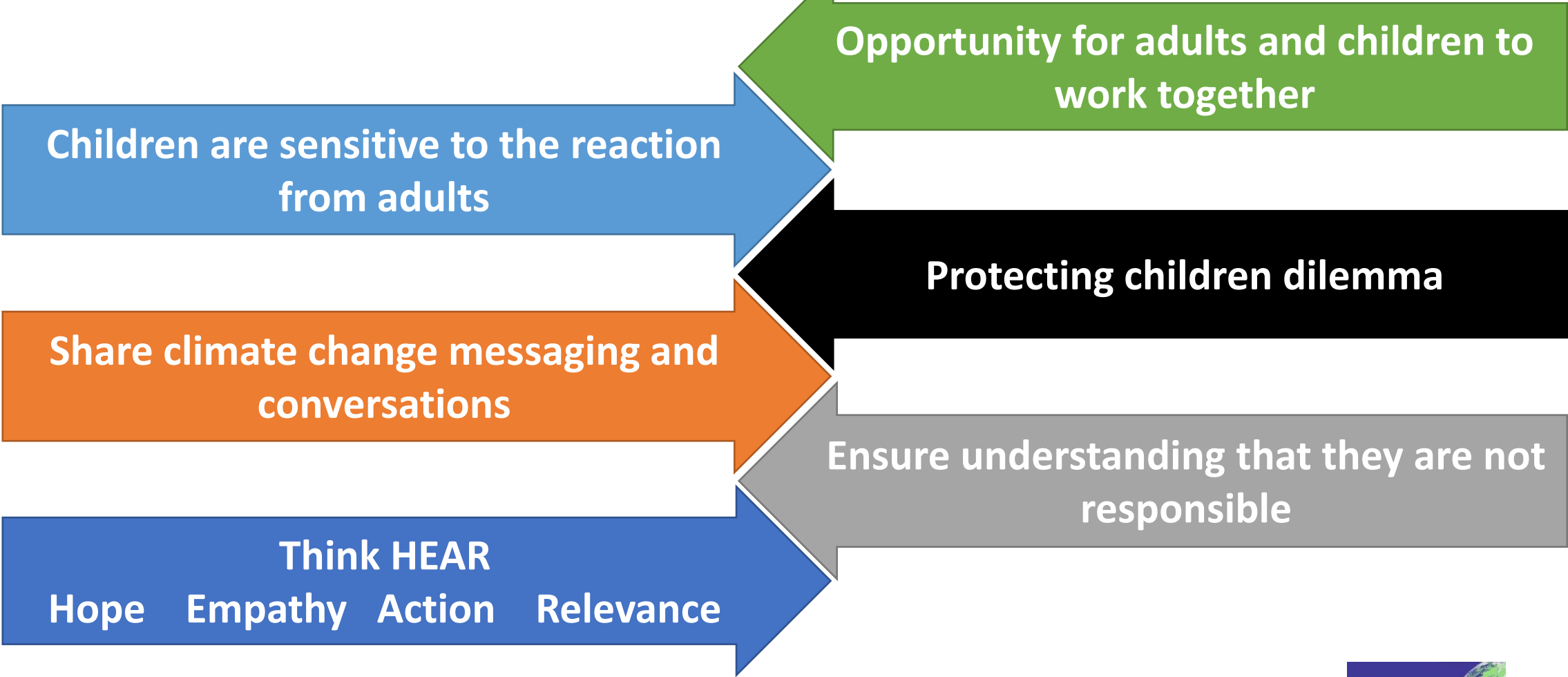
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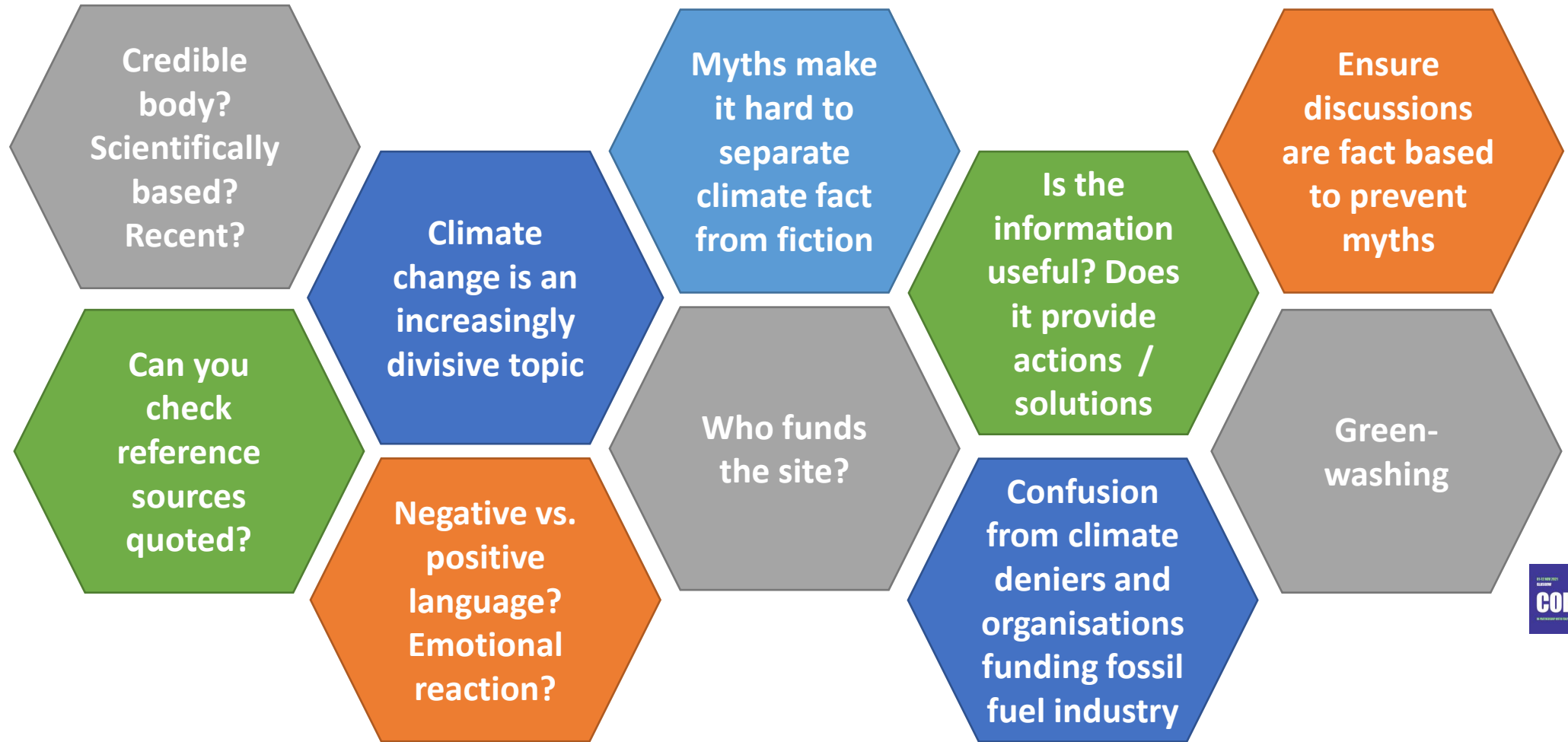
Eco-anxiety



Combatting Eco-Anxiety



Fact or Fiction: teaching global issues in a digital world



Challenges

