

# Sustainability Festival 2012: Women and climate change

Women's Health in the North is concerned about environmental justice! What do you know about women and climate change? Test your knowledge with this quick quiz:

1. Why might women be more affected by climate change?
  - a. On average, women tend to be poorer than men, e.g. can't afford to adapt housing
  - b. Women live longer, often in poverty and ill-health
  - c. Gender roles influence women's lives, e.g. caring for children and the elderly in heatwaves
  - d. Wrinkles occur earlier and are more prominent
  - e. All of the above
  
2. What is the ratio of women to men in environmental activism and leadership currently?
  - a. More women at grassroots level, more men in leadership positions
  - b. More men at the grassroots level, more women in leadership positions
  - c. Equal representation of women and men at all levels
  - d. Mostly women at all levels
  
3. Why are there different risks for women during and after natural disasters? (Choose the answer that is incorrect)
  - a. Women usually take care of children, so they may be slower to evacuate
  - b. 'Women and Children First' is a myth, but women often look to men to protect them
  - c. Most women are less intelligent than men, so are more likely to make bad decisions
  - d. Violence against women increases after natural disasters

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4. Why is climate-proof public transport an important issue for women? (Which answer is incorrect?)
- a. Women are less likely to have access to a car than men
  - b. Women are more likely than men to use public transport
  - c. It helps women stay cool and look their best at all times
  - d. Women often care for children and the elderly on public transport
5. Why might climate change be different for rural women?
- a. Poor access to public transport and rising fuel costs may isolate women
  - b. Fresh food is more expensive in rural areas and growing food requires a secure water supply
  - c. Rural communities tend to be more patriarchal and conservative, so women have less say in environmental decision making
  - d. The sun is brighter in rural areas (see Q. 1)
  - e. All of the above



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Answers: 1e, 2a, 3c, 4c, 5e

References [http://www.whin.org.au/images/PDFs/ej\\_lit\\_review.pdf](http://www.whin.org.au/images/PDFs/ej_lit_review.pdf)