

Video: Peter Harper on The OU's Carbon Calculator

That calculator for the OU is about individual footprints and trying to help people work out what their, what their own footprint is.

I think it does help some people to know where they stand in that respect, because it's so invisible, you know, I mean, you know, you say, Well, where is it? Where are these images? What am I doing?

The OU calculator breaks it down into handy chunks, you know, like flying and food and what you buy and all that sort of stuff. And then you can see ah, oh, that's a big one.

Or I recycle a lot. It didn't seem to make much difference, and so on. It explodes illusions.

So, The OU calculator is rather distinct. some ways in that it insists on the consumption perspective. So what you consume, not what is produced in Britain.

It's also important to include all the stuff that the government does. Everything all the infrastructure. And most calculators don't put that in, because you can't do anything about it. You don't you can't stop buying it, because it's just there, you pay for it through your taxes. We want to put that in. And that's important, because that shows the politics needed. So there's some collective action that we need in order to get rid of this stuff. And in fact, if you continue to do the calculator, you will find that it is it is largely a political question of decarbonising the infrastructure.