

When exploring air issues with experts (as you go after your AWARE award, for example!), you could start with an introductory line like:

I am exploring issues that relate to improving the environment with a special focus on air. So I am trying to learn as much as I can about air from as many different angles as possible. You are a

(whatever the person does/is an expert in)

So I am wondering what you think about a few things and what people are doing about them.

Then you might ask:

What are your concerns related to ... (think of an issue covered in this book, or maybe in the news)?

What examples of air issues are you aware of in this state/region?

What do you do in your work/volunteer/advocacy role to care for air and Earth?

What do you find interesting about the science of air related to your work in (yoga, parasailing, or ...)?

What do you wish more people knew about air?



You might also find out who this person knows—you might want to know them, too! That's how you build a network.

So you might say,

“Once I choose an air issue, I want to build a network of interested people—an Air Care Team (one that can ACT!). Can you suggest people I might reach out to? Would you be interested?”

To learn more about specific air-related careers, you might ask:

What is a typical workday like for you?

What challenges or projects are you working on right now?

What skills did you need to learn to do what you do?

What personal qualities do you need to be successful in this work?

What do you like about your work?

What do you wish you didn't have to do?

If you were starting over, would you study or get into something different?

What? Why?

Prepare even more: Practice some of your questions on adults in your life. How much do you really know about what they do?

As you journey through Breathe, and life, be prepared by keeping some little notes, just for yourself, about all the interesting career possibilities for which you might achieve liftoff!

The possibilities are limitless, for your future and for that of the air.