

CALL Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sign up for CALL's <u>mailing list</u> to get invitations to our monthly learning meetings and newsletter. You can also opt-in to get invitations for our interest group meetings.

Monthly learning meeting January 10 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

"Climate inequality – an individual perspective"

You are invited to join our January climate learning meeting for a presentation by CALL leader **Caroline Taylor**.

Climate change is not an even playing field – people vary in their emissions, in their risk of harm from climate damage and in their financial ability to recover. We'll look specifically at emission differences and discuss a few implications and solutions that could help us move toward a world that's safer and fairer for all.

<u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:</u> You will receive an email confirmation with your personal Zoom link to join the meeting.



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January Interest group meetings

Individual Action Group

membership@climatelearners.ca.

Members **learn**, **discuss**, and **support** one another on individual actions they can take to fight the climate crisis.

Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom
Start the year off with a quick check-in about climate events in 2023 and discuss where we would like to go in working with our own multi-unit residential

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buildings. Bring your great ideas!

Advocacy Interest Group

advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca

Members **Learn**, **connect** with other climate organizations and **advocate** for nonpartisan climate policies to address the climate crisis.

Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom We will discuss climate action priorities, perspectives on COP28 and the status of our two working groups:

- Ontario Energy Transition Work Group
- Climate Messaging Work Group

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Nature-Based Solutions Group

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Members learn about actions that protect,
sustainably manage, and restore our natural
ecosystems to mitigate the effects of climate
change. Working in partnership with nature
protects against biodiversity loss to provide
many benefits for human health and well-being.

The group will celebrate Earth Week in April. Look for activities planned for the week of April 22.

February CALL meetings

Monthly Learning Meeting



Alienor Rougeot, Program Manager, Climate and Energy for Environmental Defence

Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join us for our monthly learning meeting in February with guest speaker **Alienor Rougeot**, Program Manager, Climate and Energy for Environmental Defence. In December, Alienor travelled to Dubai for the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28).

Alienor will discuss the successes and failures of COP28 as well as her perspective as a young climate activist with a commitment to climate justice and to a broad collective mobilization for climate action.

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Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Advocacy Action Group

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Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Nature Based Solutions Group

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The group will celebrate Earth Week in April. Look for activities planned for the week of April 22.

Climate news			
Canada's National Observer	Reclaiming orphan wells with clean energy. READ		
Toronto Star	How to fix the King streetcar fiasco. Lessons to be learned from the success of Waterloo's ION line. READ		
Ecojustice	Why nature is our best ally in the fight against climate change. READ		
The Energy Mix	Transition out of fossil fuels, dawn of renewables at COP28 conclusion in Dubai. READ		
We Don't Have Time	Climate Hero Carbon Calculator. Using housing, travel, and consumption as the criteria, what was your carbon footprint in 2023? TAKE THE TEST		
CBC What on Earth?	The last newsletter for 2023. How to resist fashion over-consumption and still dress well plus rural Canada has unique challenges in the era of climate change. READ		
Canada's National Observer	Zero Carbon with Chris Hatch. How the light gets in. After 30 years of wrangling, all the nations of the world finally agreed to transition away from fossil fuels. READ		
The Elders	COP28: The Elders welcome the beginning of the end for fossil fuels, but call for more urgent ambition at future COPs. READ		
The Narwhal	Farmers are at the centre of Canada's latest carbon pricing debate. READ		
NASA Global Climate Change	NASA mission excels at spotting GHG emission sources. READ		
Blanton Museum of Art (Austin, Texas)	If the Sky Were Orange: Art in the Time of Climate Change Part One: Articulating Climate Change: Katharine Hayhoe on Christine Sun Kim's <i>The Sound of Temperature Rising</i> . READ		
Canary Media	Portugal just ran on 100% renewables for six days in a row - a test run for operating the grid without fossil fuels. READ		

Climate reports and studies				
Smart Prosperity Institute	Skills Needs for Workers in Ontario's Growing Zero-Emissions Vehicles Sector. Insights into skills needs for workers in Ontario's growing zero-emissions vehicles and battery manufacturing sectors, and what steps can be taken by government, industry, and educational institutions to support workers in this transition. READ			
Canadian Climate Institute	Canada's 2030 emission reduction plan. The report, published in 2022, outlined the federal government's plan for how it will reduce emissions by 40 to 45 per cent by 2030 on the path to net zero emissions by 2050. The first progress report was published in December 2023 along with an independent assessment by the Canadian Climate Institute. READ			
Canadian Envionmental Law Association	Exploring awareness of impacts of toxic substances in the Great Lakes Basin: Voices from the underserved and underrepresented communities. READ			

Climate events				
January 17 at 1:00 pm (online)	Gresham College How is climate change affecting the weather now? REGISTER			
January 23 at 12:00 pm (in-person)	Green Toronto Nature Walk Haryetta Gardens, 170 Torresdale Avenue, Toronto Join City of Toronto Urban Forestry staff in an active nature walk, where you will get your steps in, and you will learn how much the winter ecosystem has to show us. REGISTER			
January 23 at 11:15 am (online)	Toronto Climate Action Network (TCAN) Security and Sustainability Forum. Recalibrating our economic compass: Embracing circularity for a healthy planet. REGISTER			
January 25 at 7:00 pm (online)	Seniors for Climate Action Now! Value Change for Survival: Facing Climate Change from a Haudenosaunee Point of View. With Rick Hill, Tuscarora historian, artist and educator. REGISTER			

Podcasts worth a listen



Is COP28 the beginning of the end for the fossil fuel era?

In this episode, Akshat Rathi speaks with producer Oscar Boyd about what is in the final COP28 text and the significance of agreeing to transition from fossil fuels.

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This year in climate: 2023

It's been a year of weather extremes – again. But there's also been cause for renewed hope about our climate future. This episode provides highlights from the UN's Conference on Climate Action, COP28, the implementation of the 2022 U.S. Inflation Reduction Act and interviews with well-known activists such as Jane Fonda.

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Stranger than (Climate) fiction

Join bestselling author Kim Stanley Robinson, author of *The Ministry for the Future*, as he discusses how science fiction can help us explore different climate scenarios and solutions with David Keith, Sara Hastings-Simon, and Ed Whittingham.

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What did we learn about climate media, activism and justice in 2023?

It's been a long year and so much has happened in the fight for climate justice. How has it been covered in major US media outlets? What is needed as the global fight for climate action continues?

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The messages that actually motivate climate action (with John Marshall). **LISTEN**

For the last four years, John Marshall and the team at Potential Energy Coalition have been testing more than 3 billion ads in 20 countries to determine what messages are the most effective at inspiring climate action.

This podcast discusses what it really takes to motivate someone to support climate policies, which policies are more popular than others, what principles of climate communication everyone can learn, and why clean energy jobs aren't always appealing.

The latest report is <u>Later is Too Late - A comprehensive analysis of the messaging that accelerates climate action in the G20 and beyond.</u>

Take action	
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	More gas burning in Toronto? No thanks. Help us stop the expansion of the unhealthy Portlands Gas Plant. TAKE ACTION
Ecojustice	Nature is incredible. Keeping it intact is also our best bet for the survival of the world we hope to pass on to future generations. But nature is in crisis. Save animals and habitats before they're endangered. TAKE ACTION
David Suzuki Foundation	Demand a federal commitment to local climate action. Municipalities need resources to help our communities adapt to climate change. TAKE ACTION

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