

CALL Newsletter Edition #40

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CALL learning meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:00 am ET



COP28: What Happened? What Now?



Aliénor Rougeot

- Environmental Defence
- Co-founder of Fridays for Future Toronto



We are very excited to welcome Aliénor Rougeot, Program Manager on Climate and Energy issues at Environmental Defence. Allie will discuss COP28 (which she attended) as well as her perspective as a young climate activist with a commitment to climate justice and to a broad collective mobilization. Aliénor co-founded and coordinated Fridays for Future Toronto while taking her degree in Economics and Public Policy at the University of Toronto.

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

February 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, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING			
Advocacy Interest Group advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca Members Learn, connect with other climate organizations and advocate for climate policies that protect the future for next generation.	Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING			
Nature-Based Solutions Group nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca 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.			

Mark your calender!



Plan to join us on March 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Approaching the Climate Emergency with Courage & Activism

Our March 2024 monthly learning meeting is to acknowledge and validate the collective psychological and emotional needs of

individuals who want to act but are struggling to find their path in the face of climate denialism, misinformation, and inaction.

Let's face the climate crisis together by processing our feelings with compassion and understanding. We will explore "good news" stories to boost our sense of hope and commitment.

Climate news			
Partners in Project Green	University Health Network sends over 300 waste bins to Newcomer Centre of Peel. READ		
Smart Prosperity Institute	Growing the plant-based protein industry in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Plant-based protein is a major clean growth opportunity that can create jobs, attract investment, and increase economic value for Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. READ		
Canada's National Observer	Flowers are evolving to self-pollinate as insect numbers drop. READ		
Canada's National Observer	Chris Hatch [Zero] Carbon A freeze for LNG. Climate activists in the U.S. are celebrating. The Biden administration announced that decisions on Big Gas projects will now take the climate into account. And that means delaying decisions on LNG terminals so the Department of Energy can conduct a full evaluation. What's next? READ		
The Energy Mix	Every Canadian Grid is Vulnerable to Extreme Weather: Industry CEO. READ		
CBC What on Earth?	Electric garbage trucks clean up in a variety of ways. A new kind of EV is hitting the road in Canada. READ		
Climate Emergency Unit	Seth Klein writes that the next big LNG proposal - Ksi Lisims - may be the sleeper climate issue of 2024. READ		
Environmental Defence	Death by a thousand cuts: Ontario's dismantling of the Endangered Species Act. READ		

Climate reports and studies				
IEA	New report shows that clean sources of generation are set to cover all of the world's additional electricity demand over the next three years. Renewables are growing rapidly and nuclear power is on track to reach new all-time high next year, enabling low-emissions generation to outpace robust electricity demand growth. READ THE REPORT			
Canadian Climate Institute	Turning the tide: How flood risk transparency can drive equitable outcomes in Canada. Better adaptation measures and flood risk transparency are crucial to protect people from flood impacts. READ THE REPORT			
World Economic Forum	Global Risks 2024: Disinformation tops global risks in 2024 as environmental threats intensify. READ THE REPORT			

Climate events		
February 7 at 12:00 pm	University of Toronto School of the Environment Environment Seminar Series: Extraction: The Frontiers of Green Capitalism with Thea Riofrancos. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	
February 25-26	Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada (2 day meeting). Transforming Ontario's Electricity Sector II. Ontario Lobby Prep and Breakfast at Queen's Park. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	
March 13 at 2:15 pm	Security and Sustainability Forum The next climate frontier: industrial decarbonization. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	

Podcasts worth listening to



Is climate change on the ballot paper in 2024? - January 28

2024 will see billions of voters head to the polls in a record-breaking year for elections. It follows 2023 – another record-breaking year for the climate...so could global warming impact the way people vote? Or will it be eclipsed by the other big issues that dominate the headlines.

In this episode, presenter Graihagh Jackson hears from voters all over the world. She also finds out how climate change policies affected the outcome of recent elections in the Netherlands and Australia. **LISTEN**

The Climate Question is a production of BBC News, World Service



Zero: The climate race - What Donald Trump's return means for US climate ambition – January 18 - Episode 68

Zero host Akshat Rathi spoke with Tom Steyer (a hedge-fund billionaire who is an avowed climate activist) to ask why he got out of fossil fuels, the consequences of bad carbon accounting, and what the return of Donald Trump would mean for global climate ambitions. **LISTEN**

Zero is a production of Bloomberg Green.



How to triple renewables by 2030 – November 2023.

The Carbon Copy is a weekly narrative-news show that explains the business and tech trends shaping decarbonization.

This episode tackles the on-the ground reality of developing 11 terawatts of renewable capacity. **LISTEN**

The show is a co-production of Latitude Media and Canary Media.

Podcasts worth listening to (cont'd)



Indigenous perspectives: What makes a just transition? January 26

We often talk about a "just transition" from dirty to clean energy as if the term means the same thing to everyone. Indigenous people have seen their resources extracted and exploited to further the wealth of others for centuries.

Now another industry is looking to expand to indigenous land: renewable energy. While many welcome the opportunity for clean energy, others are wary of being exploited once again. This podcast explores the views of indigenous people from different tribes and with different experiences. **LISTEN**

Climate One is a special project of The Commonwealth Club of California.



One easy way to boost the grid: upgrade the power lines - January 31.

Upgrading power lines is a straightforward way to boost the capacity of the electrical grid by enabling it to transmit more power and leak less of it. In this episode, TS Conductor CEO Jason Huang and researcher Emilia Chojkiewicz speak to the great potential of reconductoring. LISTEN

Volts, a newsletter and podcast focused on the technology, politics and policy of decarbonization, is produced by US climate activists & author David Roberts.

Your voice is urgently needed

TAKE ACTION BEFORE FEBRUARY 5 AT MIDNIGHT

Tell the federal government that we need a strong and fair cap on emissions from the oil and gas sector. The government is seeking input on the <u>regulatory framework for an oil and gas emissions cap.</u> Here are three ways you can ensure that your voice is heard:

- Sign Environmental Defence's letter to the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Minister of Environment and Climate Change here.
- Send the comments prepared by CAPE (Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment). You can also put the comments prepared by CAPE into your own words, while keeping the overall message here.
- Send your own comments directly to the Emissions Cap public input portal email: <u>PlanPetrolieretGazier-OilandGasPlan@ec.gc.ca</u>

Emissions Cap Toolkit

Climate Messengers, a grassroots climate group, has made a toolkit to help climate-concerned citizens learn about the Emissions Cap, how to improve it and how to make their own submission to the online public consultation. Making your own submission will help counter-balance the power of the oil and gas industry. Here is a link to the Climate Messenger toolkit.

Take action (Cont'd)

Ontario Clean Air Alliance

Say YES to tripling wind and solar in Ontario by 2025.

The world is going renewable while Ontario lags far behind. Wind and solar are now our cleanest and lowest cost sources of new electricity supply. Off-shore wind power in the Great Lakes alone could meet all our electricity needs. **TAKE ACTION**

Later is Too Late

A comprehensive analysis of the messaging that accelerates climate action in the G20 and beyond

Later is Too Late is a comprehensive 23 country study on climate messaging. It is one of the biggest climate marketing studies of its kind. While the research shows that there is already a strong and broad consensus for immediate, increased government action on climate change, this doesn't always translate into support for specific initiatives.

The right framing and messaging are essential to achieving the policy gains that will save the planet for future generations.

Here are links to the full global report, a webinar recording and a guide to the eight Principles of Climate Communication:

- Potential Energy Coalition presented their global research briefing, "Later is Too Late," to over 800 participants and shared the key findings from their 23-country survey which seeks to answer: Does the world want action on climate, and how can we motivate the public to accelerate progress. You can watch the recording of the 60-minute webinar and download the full global report.
- To download Potential Energy's guide, *Talk like a human Lessons on how to communicate climate change*, click here.

Your thoughts on this approach to communication would be appreciated. Send an email to: contact.us@climatelearners.ca.

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