

CALL Newsletter

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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.

Join us on Zoom March 6 at 10:00 a.m.



Approaching our climate future with courage & activism

Are you feeling anxious and overwhelmed by the climate emergency? Our March meeting will 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.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

You will receive an email confirmation with your personal Zoom link to join the meeting.

March interest group meetings				
Individual Action Group membership@climatelearners.ca.	Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom			
Members learn , discuss , and support one another on individual actions they can take to fight the climate crisis.	CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING			
Advocacy Interest Group advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca	Wednesday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom			
Members learn , connect with other climate organizations and advocate for climate policies that protect the future for the next generation.	CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING			

CALL celebrates Earth Week 2024 in April 2024 Global Earth Day: https://www.earthday.org/planet-vs-plastics/

SAVE THE DATE FOR EARTH WEEK -2024

The global earth day organization has themed this year to focus on plastics reduction. Specifically, a 20% reduction by 2040! Learn more:

https://www.earthday.org/planet-vs-plastics/

Climate Action for Lifelong Learners





CALL Planned Events:

April 20th un-Tupperware Party! April 21st Nature Walk April 22nd Earth Day Education & Fondue Supper Details to come...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Climate news				
CBC What on Earth?	China's clean tech boom has lessons for Canada. READ			
The Guardian	"They lied": plastics producers deceived public about recycling, report reveals. READ			
Partners in Project Green	Floatable waste collaborative action in Lake Ontario and Toronto's Inner Harbour. READ			
Canary Media	Cheap, clean energy could unleash the power of thermal storage. READ			
Ecojustice	Chemical Valley report shows dangerous impact of pollution. READ			
Citizens' Climate International	Perception gap plagues Canada's carbon price. READ			
Canada's National Observer	Chris Hatch Zero Carbon Zombie fires and smouldering desire. READ			
The Energy Mix	Pick up the pace on sustainable jobs act, groups urge Ottawa. READ			
Canadian Climate Institute	Next steps for Canada's climate investment taxonomy. READ			
We Don't Have Time	The ultimate climate solution: It's time to move the money. READ			
Canary Media	Texas will add more grid batteries than any other state in 2024. READ			

Climate reports and studies



Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH)

CCDH's groundbreaking Al-powered research shows that New Climate Denial narratives that aim to undermine the climate movement, science and solutions, now constitute 70% of climate denial content on YouTube in 2023.

In the introduction to the report from the <u>Center for Countering</u> <u>Digital Hate US/UK</u>, founder and CEO Imran Ahmed makes the case that it's a new kind of climate denialism that is spreading so quickly on social platforms. Why? Not only is it due to the lack of content moderation from Big Tech companies and a willingness of cynical media personalities on these platforms to take up the denier mantle, but also an economic incentive structure for content creators that supports misinformation.

Read The New Climate Denial

Shift: Action for Pension Wealth and Planet Health

2023 Canadian Pension Climate Report. Shift's 2nd annual Canadian Pension Climate Report Card, released February 27, 2024, analyses the climate policies and strategies of Canadian pension funds. **READ**

Smart Prosperity Institute

Skills needs for workers in the growing plant-based protein industry in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. **READ**

Climate events		
March 5 at 1:00 pm in Toronto (online)	Gresham College Climate tipping points in oceans, ice, forests. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	
March 12 at 1:00 pm (online)	Clean Energy Canada The rise of EV misinformation, and how to tackle it. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	
March 14 at Noon (online)	Canopy Planet Burning questions: Climate, forests, and a path forward: A conversation with John Vaillant and Nicole Rycroft. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	
March 21 at 1:00 pm (online)	Shift: Action for Pension Wealth and Planet Health Learn about the key findings from Shift's second annual Canadian Pension Climate Report Card, released in February 2024. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER	

Podcasts worth listening to



Why Is "New Climate Denial" so popular on social media – February 14/24

Imran Ahmed joins the Climate Pod to discuss <u>The New Climate Denial:</u>
How social media platforms and content producers profit by
spreading new forms of climate denial? and how social media
platforms and legislators can help stop the dominance of misinformation
online and what could happen if we don't. <u>LISTEN</u>



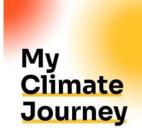
State of climate progress with John Stackhouse — February 9/24

In this podcast, David Herle, back-room strategist and pollster, talks to John Stackhouse one of Canada's leading voices on innovation and economic disruption. Stackhouse is a former Editor-in-Chief of the Globe & Mail, a senior fellow at the CD Howe Institute and the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. He is currently a Senior VP, Office of the CEO at the Royal Bank. He and his team at the bank have just published a new report on the state of Canada's climate progress: "Climate Action 2024 – Double or Trouble."



"Climate Capitalism" – interview with Akshat Rathi of Bloomberg – February 18/24

Markham Hislop interviews Dr. Akshat Rathi on his new book, "Climate Capitalism". Akshat is a London-based senior reporter for Bloomberg News. The book is about "how we tackle climate change within the world's dominant economic system and ensure that the wheels of progress don't come to a halt or, worse, go into reverse." **LISTEN**



Navigating climate emotions with Dr. Britt Wray – February 26/24

Dr. Britt Wray is a science communicator and the author of two books. Her Latest is <u>Generation Dread</u>: <u>Finding Purpose in an Age of Climate Anxiety</u>. The book was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award and one of CBC's best Canadian nonfiction books of 2022. Reviewers called the book an impassioned, informed perspective on eco-anxiety and staying sane amid climate disruption. <u>LISTEN</u>



Canada's National Observer introduces a new investigative podcast series: The Poison Detectives

In episode 1, a firefighter's wife and a corporate lawyer in different parts of the US get pulled into solving separate mysteries. Something was making cows die and deer hemorrhage to death in West Virginia. That same something could also be giving firefighters cancer – all over the country. **LISTEN**

Take action	
Environmental Defence	Don't let Big Plastic stop action on plastic pollution. TAKE ACTION
Stand.Earth	No more funding for logging and burning trees for electricity. TAKE ACTION
David Suzuki Foundation	Speak up for Canada's renewable energy future. TAKE ACTION

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