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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**June 5 CALL learning meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. on Zoom**

**Biodiversity Conservation:**  
**Why does it matter?**  
**How you make a difference**



Our guest, Dr. Ann Dale, Professor Emerita at Royal Roads University in Victoria, B.C. will talk about nature-based solutions, from those in backyards, to policy changes by governments.

Professor Dale is a recognized leader in virtual real-time conversations and the production of useful knowledge for decision-makers using social media channels to increase public literacy leading to actions on the ground. She brings extensive government experience to her teaching and research and has been profiled as one of the top 25 minds in the BC Business Magazine.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING](#)**  
You will receive an email confirmation with your personal Zoom link.

**May interest group meetings**

<p><b>Individual Action Group</b> <a href="mailto:membership@climatelearners.ca">membership@climatelearners.ca</a></p> <p>Members <b>learn, discuss, and support</b> one another on individual actions they can take to fight the climate crisis.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom</b> For those interested in how multi-residential buildings can become more energy efficient -- join guest speaker Kaitlin Carroll, Retrofit Services Manager, Atmospheric Fund <b><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING</a></b></p>
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<p><b>Advocacy Interest Group</b>  <a href="mailto:advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca">advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca</a></p> <p>Members <b>learn, connect</b> with other climate organizations and <b>advocate</b> for climate policies that protect the future for the next generation.</p> <p>There will be no regular Advocacy meeting in May, instead we will hold two separate meetings with the Advocacy working groups.</p> <p>You are welcome to join one or both of these meetings even if you haven't been a member of the work-groups.</p>	<p><b>Advocacy Work-Group on Climate Messaging</b>  Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>The group follows the latest research on climate messaging. At the meeting, they will discuss 2024 report on "What Canadians Really Think About Climate Change" and John Marshall's 3 strategies for talking about climate change.  <a href="#">CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING</a></p> <p><b>Advocacy Work-Group on the Ontario Energy Transition</b>  Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00 pm</p> <p>The group discusses the challenges in aligning Ontario's electricity system with net zero – and advocates for policies to support the transition. The group will review the status of Ontario's transition and prepare plans for a learning meeting in the fall.  <a href="#">CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING</a></p>
<p><b>Nature-Based Solutions Group</b>  <a href="mailto:nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca">nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca</a></p>	<p>The Nature-Based Solutions Group is hosting the June 5 CALL learning meeting. No other meetings of the group are planned for May or June.</p>

**Join the Seniors for Climate Meeting  
On May 28 at 6:30 pm ET on Zoom**

**SENIORS FOR CLIMATE**



**LATER IS TOO LATE!**

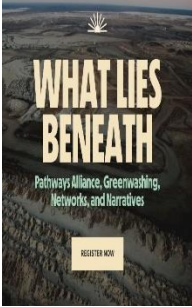
“Seniors For Climate” is a joint project of 5 seniors' climate organizations

- Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (CALL)
- Climate Legacy
- Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet (GASP)
- Seniors for Climate Action Now! (SCAN!)
- Suzuki Elders

We will talk about our origins, objectives and how you can engage. This is the first meeting to connect with groups across Canada to discuss plans for the Seniors Day for Climate Action on October 1st, 2024, organized by “SENIORS FOR CLIMATE”.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE YOUR MEETING LINK.](#) This is a cross-country meeting with representatives from across Canada attending.

## Climate events

<p>May 4-5, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm (in-person)</p>	<p><b>Toronto Climate Action Network Summit</b>  This is an opportunity for activists to reconnect in person, develop skills with one another, and strategize together to achieve the bold steps for the transformative changes we need for Toronto and for the climate. <a href="#">MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER</a></p>
<p>May 6 at 2:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p><b>Canary Media</b>  Building climate resilient communities: Frontline experiences and real-world solutions. <a href="#">MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER</a></p>
<p>May 7 at 7:00 pm (in-person)</p>	<p><b>Royal Ontario Museum</b>  Global warning: Visions from the anthropocene with Garth Lenz. From the majesty of Canada’s old growth forests to the stark environmental impacts of fossil fuel production, Garth Lenz is no stranger to the natural beauty of our planet, or to our responsibility to preserve it. <a href="#">MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER</a></p>
<p>May 15 at 7:00 pm (in-person)</p>	<p><b>TERRE – Toronto East Residents for Renewable Energy</b>  Portlands gas plant expansion? Preventing health risks in our community. No registration needed. <a href="#">MORE INFORMATION</a></p>
<p>May 21 at 1:00 pm (Eastern) (virtual)</p>	<p><b>Gresham College</b>  A just and inclusive net zero: Who should get there first? <a href="#">MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER</a></p>
<p>May 23 at 12:00 PM (virtual)</p> 	<p><b>WHAT LIES BENEATH: Pathways Alliance, Greenwashing, Networks and Narratives</b></p> <p>Join Re.Climate’s Dr. Melissa Aronczyk, Dr. Patrick McCurdy and Dr. Chris Russill as they share findings from their newly published paper, “Greenwashing, Net Zero and the Oil Sands in Canada: The Case of Pathways Alliance”</p> <p><a href="#">MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER</a></p>

## Climate news

The Energy Mix	Plastics industry ‘fighting for its life’ as Ottawa treaty talks draw to a close. <a href="#">READ</a>
440 Megatonnes	Canada’s low carbon exports are growing nearly twice as fast as all other exports. <a href="#">READ</a>
Partners in Project Green	Who are Canada’s greenest employers in 2024? <a href="#">READ</a>
Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air	EU’s CO2 emissions from fossil fuels drop 8% to reach lowest levels in 60 years. <a href="#">READ</a>
Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit	‘Climate checklist’ – four steps to global emissions falling in 2024. How the ‘Big Four’ emitters – China, US, India and the EU – could play their part in bending the global emissions curve to point downwards. <a href="#">READ</a>
CBC What on Earth?	Toronto native plant market helps gardeners boost local biodiversity. <a href="#">READ</a>
Canada’s National Observer	Chris Hatch Zero Carbon. Put the eco back in economy. <a href="#">READ</a>
The Guardian	How to spot five of the fossil fuel industry’s biggest disinformation tactics. <a href="#">READ</a>
Canada’s National Observer	How we move matters: How financial institutions can reinvest in climate safe solutions and support a just transition. <a href="#">READ</a>
We Don’t Have Time	It’s time to move the money. Remarks by Nick Nuttall, the UN Spokesperson for the Paris Climate Agreement and We Don’t Have Time presenter at an event hosted by the Nordic Pension Fund. <a href="#">READ</a>
Canadian Climate Institute	Time to stop building infrastructure for yesterday’s climate. <a href="#">READ</a>
David Suzuki Foundation	The dry facts about increasing water scarcity. <a href="#">READ</a>

## Climate reports and studies

Government of Canada	Canada’s National Adaptation Strategy: Building resilient communities and a strong economy. <a href="#">READ</a>
City of Toronto	Annual Transform TO net zero progress and accountability report. <a href="#">READ</a>
Canadian Climate Institute	Fueling the oil and gas transition with Canada’s climate investment taxonomy. Taxonomies can increase private and public investments in clean growth projects to meet Canada’s climate targets and reduce greenwashing. <a href="#">READ</a>
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Going in the wrong direction: Ontario’s plan to ramp-up gas power. <a href="#">READ</a>

## Interesting Podcasts



**Is Green Growth Possible? The Ezra Klein Show** from the New York Times Opinion - April 30 episode. In this podcast, Ezra interviews author Hannah Ritchie. Ms. Ritchie is the deputy editor and lead researcher at Our World in Data. The Guardian writes that her book is “full of pragmatic, hopeful solutions to environmental challenges.”

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Also here is author Hannah Ritchie discussing her book, *Not the End of the World: How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet. But they are solvable.* [WATCH HERE](#)



**The Carbon Tax Lie:** Episode 10 is from “The Environment in Canada” podcast by the Sierra Club. Guests are:

- Dr. Louise Comeau, Senior Advisor at Carleton University’s Re.Climate, and a member of the federal Net Zero Advisory Body; and
- Robb Barnes, Climate Program Director at the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE).

The speakers point to the real costs of carbon pricing and its minimal impact on the cost of living and inflation. They note the discussion is both a distraction from more pressing conversations about climate policy and an indication that other key regulations such as the oil and gas cap could be next.

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**The Pros and Cons of the Carbon Tax:** April 26 from “The Agenda” with Steve Paikin. Debating the issue are:

- Kris Sims of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation; and
- Stewart Elgie of the University of Ottawa and the Smart Prosperity Institute


The debate highlights how those opposed to carbon pricing avoid answering what they would do to bring down emissions.

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**New technology set to increase transmission without new wires:** The April 24 podcast discusses the US Department of Energy’s “Pathways to Commercial Liftoff: Innovative Grid Deployment” report, which found that Grid Enhancing Technologies increase transmission capacity by making existing infrastructure more efficient.

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	<p><b>John Marshall: Three strategies for effectively talking about climate:</b>  This TED video features John Marshall, a communications strategist, who shares three approaches for effective climate change communication: use simple and universal language, make it matter to individuals personally, and show how it matters to specific groups.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>LISTEN</u></a></p>
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## Take action

City of Toronto	The City of Toronto’s next round of neighbourhood climate action grants is now open for submissions. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available for resident-led climate action projects. <a href="#"><u>MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY</u></a>
AVAAZ	Climate emergency: Stop silencing youth. The youths’ climate court case that could <b>establish the right to a safe climate in the US for the first time ever</b> and open the floodgates for other cases and new policies. <a href="#"><u>TAKE ACTION</u></a>
Ontario Nature	Stop highway 413. Ask your MP to make the proposed highway undergo a federal environmental assessment. <a href="#"><u>TAKE ACTION</u></a>

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