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Interest group meetings

Individual Action Group individual.action@climatelearners.ca

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

Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 am ET on Zoom

A short debrief of the October 1 events and discuss the below National Observer articles about green building techniques.

- Green building pioneers chart persuasive paths to profit
- 'All of a sudden we're cool' green builders draft a cleaner, more profitable blueprint for construction

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Advocacy Interest Group advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca

Members **learn**, **connect** with other climate organizations and **advocate** for nonpartisan climate policies that protect the future for the next generation

Wednesday, October 16 at 10:00 am ET on Zoom

The group will discuss CALL's recent learning meeting on Ontario's energy transition as well share views on climate, politics and elections.

- Click this link to see the presentation by <u>Professor Mark Winfield</u> on September 18
- Click this link to hear a discussion on energy vs climate's podcast on <u>Campaigning on</u> <u>Climate</u>

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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.



Nature-based solutions guided nature walk in November

Join Judy and Joanne for a nature walk along the Toronto Beltline Trail in early November to explore the biodiversity along the trail in celebration of the UN Biodiversity Conference. The trail is accessible by TTC.

The 2024 UN Conference will be held in Colombia from October 21 to November 1. This conference addresses the protection of nature to secure our own health and wellbeing alongside that of the planet.

We hope you can join us for a fun urban adventure into nature. Further details to follow by email.

<u>See Wikipedia</u> for a history of Toronto's Beltline Trail.

New reports from the Net Zero Advisory Body



Net Zero Advisory Body

The Net-Zero Advisory Body (NZAB) is a group of experts appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

These two new reports were published in September 2024.

Closing the gap: Reaching Canada's 2030 emissions target In this report, the NZAB advises the federal government on how the country can achieve its 2030 target of a 40-45% reduction below 2005 levels. READ

Climate's bottom line: Carbon budgeting and Canada's 2035 target.

In this new report, the NZAB recommends a national carbon budget to better track the effect of policy decisions on the climate and the consequences of delaying action. **READ**

Climate reports		
Climate Value Exchange and Citizens' Climate International	Reinventing prosperity report Beyond the horizon: Priorities for a livable future Insights from stakeholders around the world (more than 75 contributors from 23 countries) on how efforts should be focused to provide a prosperous, equitable and sustainable world for everyone. READ	
Clean Energy Canada	The payload: Why buses and trucks are Canada's forgotten emissions and manufacturing opportunity. READ	
Environmental Defence	Concrete consequences This report highlights the Humber River, Etobicoke Creek and Credit River watersheds have a lower amount of forest and wetland areas. Highway 413 would cut through the remaining natural areas of all three watersheds. READ	

Climate articles		
CBC What on Earth?	Four Innovative Indigenous-led clean energy projects. READ	
The Energy Mix	Cities must prepare for 'absolute certainty' of power outage + heat wave: experts. READ	
Canada's National Observer	Chris Hatch Zero Carbon Tipping points (the good kind)! News from Climate Week in New York. READ	
David Suzuki Foundation	As youth march for a safer climate, politicians pander to polluters. <u>READ</u>	
Yale Program on Climate Change Communication	International public opinion on climate change: Differences by gender/income/emission levels. READ	
The Guardian	Out of 1,500 global climate policies, only 63 have really worked. That's where green spin has got us. READ	
Canary Media	How Germany outfitted half a million balconies with solar panels. It's becoming an increasingly popular way to take climate action. READ	
CBC News	Nova Scotia charges ahead with offshore wind regulator, aims to open bids next year. READ	
440 Megatonnes	Three ways to get Canada's emissions on track. READ	
Generate Canada	Why farmers play a big role in fighting climate change. READ	
Wired (from Katharine Hayhoe's newsletter)	This bold plan to kick the world's coal habit might actualy work. READ	

Podcasts and YouTube videos



Energy vs Climate season premiere: Campaigning on climate: Climate, politics, and elections. David and Ed chat with political strategist Stephen Carter to understand where climate fits as a priority issue for voters. They discuss whether climate can still be a winning issue, how proponents of the consumer facing carbon tax failed to make it politically resilient, and why climate remains a left-right oppositional issue.

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What On Earth

What On Earth with Laura Lynch: Say we 'axe the tax' – then what?

Simon Donner, co-chair of the independent Net Zero Advisory Body, walks through new ways Canada could cut emissions. CBC's Aaron Wherry then breaks down the politics of a cornerstone climate policy. How did the carbon tax get so politicized? Aired on September 29, 2024.

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Fossil vs Future: By James Cameron and Daisy Nicholls

This podcast introduces a conversation between generations on climate change. Each podcast episode focuses on a different climate-related challenge: What about nuclear? A low-carbon energy source or a threat to our safety? What about China? The largest emitter of GHGs or the driver of the green transition?

<u>Listen to WHAT ABOUT FOSSIL FUELS?</u> An important essential energy source or a dangerous threat to our planet?



Oil & Gas lobbyists do NOT care about you. Let's cap corporate emissions

There is an exhibition of wildfire and other climate artifacts at New York Climate Week in NYC organized by the Sierra Club Canada. This podcast discusses why we need an emissions cap on wealthy oil and gas corporations, and what goes on in the heads of the public relations professionals who work for those corporations. Draft regulations for a cap on corporate oil and gas emissions have been delayed repeatedly because of oil and gas lobbying.

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Upcoming local and global climate events

October 21 – November 1, 2024

UN Biodiversity Conference

The 16th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBC) will convene in Colombia. **VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE**

October 10 at 9 am ET
(all day conference online and in-
person in Ottawa)

The Net-Zero Edge

Navigating the new realities for Canadian competitiveness. Hosted by the Canadian Climate Institute and the Net-Zero Advisory Body. **MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER**

Take action			
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Phase-out polluting gas power. Huge increase in gas use means more destructive climate destruction. TAKE ACTION		
Environmental Defence	Tell Premier Doug Ford and Energy Minister Stephen Lecce to take our climate crisis seriously and build a clean electricity grid for Ontario! TAKE ACTION		
Save On Energy	HomeEnergySaver Program The HomeEnergySaver program offers incentives (up to \$10,000) to Ontario homeowners with electrically heated homes located in eligible areas to purchase and install a heat pump. FIND OUT MORE		

Poilievre's deceptive 'Axe the Tax' slogan



Thank you to Michael de Adder for giving us permission to use his cartoon.

Canada's Ecofiscal Commission comments that there is plenty of discussion about carbon pricing in Canada today. Healthy public debate is good, but it should be based on sound evidence and facts.

For a list of the critics' claims and a discussion of the facts, see An Open Letter from Economists on Canadian Carbon Pricing.

The more than 200 economists who signed the open letter note:

"As economists from across Canada, we are concerned about the significant threats from climate change. We encourage governments to use economically sensible policies to reduce emissions at a low cost, address Canadians' affordability concerns, maintain business competitiveness, and support Canada's transition to a low-carbon economy.

Canada's carbon-pricing policies do all those things."

New from CALL

CALL's YouTube Channel is ready!

Check out our new YouTube channel where you can view video recordings of over 20 of our best learning meetings from the past three years. Our video library will continue to grow as we add videos from upcoming meetings.

Visit the CALL YouTube channel and please subscribe.

YouTube - Climate Action for Lifelong Learners

Volunteer with CALL

CALL is fuelled by the energy and passion of our volunteers. We hope you will consider volunteering with us. Here a few of the many things you could do:

- Leadership team member shape the CALL organization and its future
- Monthly newsletter select and publish newsletter content
- Interest groups help organize discussions and activities like guided hikes, letter-writing campaigns and more

Small Change Fund



CALL's leadership team feels that asking members to pay a membership fee would be a barrier. They are steadfast in their commitment that no one should have to pay to access CALL webinars and information.

We are asking friends and supporters to make a voluntary donation to help us with CALL's work. All donors to our Small Change Fund project will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Here is a link to the Small Change Fund website.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to view our request for support and make a donation.

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