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Take a guided nature walk with the Nature-based Solutions Group

Date: Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Where: Toronto Beltline Trail
Duration: 2.5 hrs
Difficulty: Easy

Meeting Place: Eglinton West subway station Main Entrance – 1300 Eglinton Ave.

We will stop for a beverage along the route and finish near Davisville subway station at 1900 Yonge St.

The trail is accessible by TTC.



Source: blogTO

Please join us (Judy Sheridan and JoAnne Hunter) for a nature walk along the Toronto Beltline Trail on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET to explore the biodiversity along the trail in recognition of the UN Biodiversity Conference.

The 2024 UN Conference is occurring in Colombia from October 21 to November 1. This conference addresses the need to protect nature to secure our own health and wellbeing alongside all living species and natural habitats on our planet.

We hope you will join us for an urban adventure celebrating the nature around us here in the city. See Wikipedia for a history of Toronto's Beltline Trail. [Toronto's Beltline Trail.](#)

We hope to see you on Sunday November 3rd!

JoAnne Hunter
Judy Sheridan

Save the date for CALL's November 27 learning meeting

<p>Greenwashing: Rigging our future November 27, 2024 10:00 am ET (online)</p>	<p>Three experts will join us to discuss what greenwashing is, how it has changed, why it is a problem and what C-59 (the new law) and C-372 (the proposal to ban fossil fuel advertising) mean.</p> <p>Note our learning meeting date has changed this month. Look for more information soon.</p>
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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, Nov 12 at 10:00 am ET on Zoom

The group will continue its conversation on lowering the carbon footprint of multi-residential buildings.

See the National Observer's Report "[Green building pioneers chart persuasive paths to profit](#)"

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Advocacy Group

advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca

Members **learn, connect** with other climate organizations and **advocate** for policies that will make the world a better place free from the destruction caused by burning fossil fuels.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 10:00 am ET on Zoom

As we face the likelihood of elections at both the federal and provincial levels over the coming months, the group will learn about and discuss how we can best advocate for and support solutions that will lead to a better world. The focus for this meeting will be on preparing for the possible elections, messaging climate policies that impact affordability and following up on the Advocacy group's [action plan](#).

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

CALL has a new interest group!



Source: See the David Suzuki Foundation's Opinion originally published in [The Star](#) on Jan 27, 2024. "It's easy to miss the good news about the battle against global warming."

Earlier this year, CALL's Town Hall meeting ended with a compilation of good news stories that received an enthusiastic response. It became clear that this is a vital component for keeping momentum alive in the climate movement. People need to have hope as we go forward.

And so, the Good News Interest Group was born and is enacting a plan of action. We're excited by the addition of this essential aspect for our learning. We are tracking good news stories from a variety of sources, in several categories – locally, across the country and around the world.

Stay tuned for more news about the group and especially for the news and reports that we hope will provide needed energy for our continued drive for change.

Rally in support of Passing on Gas!



Portland Energy Centre

Source: Photo from
Wikimedia Creative Commons

Passing on Gas!

**Join Toronto East Residents for Renewable Energy (TERRE)
to oppose the polluting Portlands Gas Plant in the Beach.**

Rally

Saturday, November 2, 12 – 2 pm
Kew Gardens in the Beach at 2075 Queen Street East

[Here is a link](#) to more information on the event

See Environmental Defence's article, [It's Time to Phase Out the Portlands Gas Plant](#) for background on Portlands.

Visit the annual Toronto Ecofair

Green Neighbours Network and Transition Toronto

November 3 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
(in person)

The annual Ecofair Toronto at Wychwood Barns will be held at 601 Christie St. Lots of fun activities during the day for the whole family to enjoy, including:

- 50 environmental non-profits and vendors
- Test drive electric cars and e-bikes
- Fun activities for kids
- Try some delicious eco-friendly foods
- Silent auction
- Donate food to The Stop Food Bank

[More information](#)

Webinars

Monday, November 11 at 10:00 am ET



Join Carbon Brief journalists who have been in Cali, Colombia covering the COP16 UN biodiversity summit as they share the key outcomes of the summit and answer your questions.

[Register for the webinar here](#)

Clean Energy Canada

November 13 at 2:00 pm ET (online)

Opening the door to cost-saving clean energy solutions for Canadian households. Clean Energy Canada's experts will discuss key findings from their new report [Opening The Door](#). Just by making a few clean energy changes, your household could save hundreds of dollars in energy costs.

[More information and register](#)

**In case you missed it:
Re.Climate & EcoAnalytics**

Two-part webinar on
Communicating for change and
Building support of climate action



Webinar 1: Knowing your audience: Who Are the five Canadas?

Learn from original research about the five key audience segments in Canada. Find out what they value, who they trust and how open each audience is to being mobilized to take action on climate change.

- Watch the [recording](#)
- Follow along with the webinar [presentation deck](#)
- Read Re.Climate’s new report, [The Five Canadas](#), developed in collaboration with EcoAnalytics

Webinar 2: Building public support for climate action in Canada.

The second webinar hones in on how to build a social mandate for climate action based on the Five Canadas audience segments. Panelists outline effective, tested messages that get beyond the climate activist bubble, share tips for overcoming key obstacles and provide guidance on best practices when using images in your work.

- Watch the [recording](#)
- Follow along with the webinar [presentation deck](#)
- See Re.Climate’s playbook: [Building a social mandate for climate action](#). This guide provides insights on values, framing, language, and messengers as well as communication traps to avoid.


Take action


<p>Stand.Earth</p>	<p>The monster misconceptions of UNnatural gas. The truth: Fracked gas is fuel on the fire of climate change. We know there are cleaner, safer and more affordable ways to heat our homes – such as using electric heat pumps! Tell gas companies to stop greenwashing their toxic products. Take action</p>
<p>Ontario Clean Air Alliance</p>	<p>Let’s accelerate solar across Toronto’s outdoor parking lots. Contact Mayor Chow and the CEOs of the IESO and Toronto Hydro and ask them to work together to develop a plan to promote the installation of solar panels on Toronto’s large open air parking lots, including a standard offer price for the supply of solar electricity to Toronto Hydro’s grid. Take action</p>

Global climate events


<p>UN Biodiversity Conference October 21 – November 1, 2024</p>	<p>The 16th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) convened. Visit the conference website</p>
<p>COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan November 11-22</p>	<p>Finance will be a key focus of COP29 as trillions of dollars are required for countries to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect lives and livelihoods from the worsening impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Discussions during the conference will focus on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, or NCQG. This will define a new target for monetary support from historic emitters – mostly countries in the Global North – to address climate needs in poorer countries.</p> <p>Host country website UN Climate Change COP29 website</p> <p>We Don't Have Time Register for free, live daily broadcasts.</p> <p>SCAN! A compelling case why Canadians should watch with care the issues discussed at COP29. Read</p>

Major climate reports



	<p>24 October 2024 UN Emissions Gap Report As climate impacts intensify globally, the UN's latest report finds that nations must deliver dramatically stronger ambition and action in the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) or the Paris Agreement's 1.5 C goal will be gone within a few years.</p> <p>A failure to increase ambition in these new NDCs and start delivering immediately would put the world on course for a temperature increase of 2.6 – 3.1 C over the course of this century. This would bring debilitating impacts to people, planet and economies.</p> <p>Link to the report and related documents</p>
<p>Smart Prosperity Institute Unlocking the economic power of natural climate solutions.</p>	<p>Natural climate solutions (NCS) present a major opportunity to grow Canada's economy, while helping to reach Canada's climate targets and boost biodiversity. This new report makes the case for increasing investment in protecting, managing and restoring nature.</p> <p>Read the report</p>




<p>International Energy Agency (IEA) Annual Report: World Energy Outlook 2024</p>	<p>This year’s report underscores how geopolitical tensions and fragmentation are creating major risks for both energy security and for global action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Key highlights from the 2024 report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The world is set to enter a new energy market context in the coming years marked by continued geopolitical hazards but also by relatively abundant supply of multiple fuels and technologies. ▪ The contours of a new, more electrified energy system are coming into focus as global electricity demand soars. ▪ For clean energy to continue to grow at pace, greater investment in new energy systems, especially in electricity grids and energy storage, is necessary. ▪ Despite growing momentum behind clean energy transitions, the world is still a long way from a trajectory aligned with its net zero goals. ▪ In some regions of the world, high financing cost and project risks are limiting the spread of cost-competitive clean energy technologies to where they are needed the most. <p>Link to the report and related documents</p>
<p>Canadian Climate Institute’s takeaways for Canada from the 2024 World Energy Outlook’s (WEO)</p> 	<p>Key takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The age of clean electricity is here: Canada’s electricity generation will need to grow 1.6 to 2.6 times bigger by 2050 to meet future electricity demand. ▪ More electricity = less fossil fuels: Demand for each fossil fuel will peak before 2030. As global demand declines, this will have implications for Canada’s oil and gas sector’s long-term competitiveness. ▪ The clean energy transition can help reduce household bills and reduce the exposure to volatile fuel costs. ▪ Canada’s critical minerals will be in major demand. ▪ Canada can build on policies still in development, strengthen some measures and add a few targeted measures. <p>Link to takeaways from 2024 World Energy Outlook</p>
<p>Climate Action Network Canada</p> <p>Paving the way for an equitable future: Recommendations for Canada’s next Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).</p>	<p>The Paris Agreement lays out a clear path for signatory countries to increase the ambition, scope and breadth of their climate policies and targets, known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Every five years, countries are required to submit updated NDCs, each round representing a progression beyond the previous; the next round is due in early 2025.</p> <p>Read the report</p>

Climate articles

	<p>The Energy Mix has a new look and a number of feature stories worth reading. See the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alberta ad campaign dodges federal greenwashing rules while carrying fossil industry messages. ▪ Atmospheric CO2 hits 420 ppm, rises 11 % in just two decades. ▪ Industrial carbon pricing delivers best results, keeps industry competitive, new commission advises.
<p>Canary Media</p>	<p>Making steel with clean energy would curb health risks, report shows. Read</p>
<p>Canada's National Observer</p> <p>An award-winning investigative journalism and daily news source reporting on climate change – consider becoming a subscriber.</p>	<p>Chris Hatch [Zero] Carbon writes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Humanity needs a 'double movement' to stabilize our climate. Read ▪ The death of EV sales has been greatly exaggerated. Read
<p>CBC News What on Earth?</p>	<p>Canada's two largest cities are cracking down on fossil fuel ads. Read</p>
<p>David Suzuki Foundation Science Matters</p>	<p>Voting in a time of climate chaos. Read</p>

Podcasts

	<p>Energy vs Climate season premiere: Campaigning on climate: Climate, politics, and elections.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Listen</p>
	<p>The energy conversation Alberta SHOULD be having.</p> <p>Journalist Markham interviews Chris Severson-Baker, executive director, Pembina Institute, and co-author of a recent op-ed, "The new energy economy has arrived, and Canada must pay attention."</p> <p>Listen</p>

	<p>WHAT ABOUT NATURE? A separate issue to solve or critical to tackling climate change?</p> <p>While they have historically been treated as two separate issues, climate change and biodiversity loss are deeply connected. This episode discusses why protecting nature is important, what exactly is natural capital and what emerging incentives are there to prevent biodiversity loss.</p> <p>Listen</p>
	<p>Oil & Gas lobbyists do NOT care about you. Let's cap corporate emissions.</p> <p>This podcast features some testimony from wildfire survivors and gets into why we need an emissions cap on wealthy oil and gas corporations. They also discuss what goes on in the heads of the public relations professionals who work for those corporations, and why their behaviour in particular has been appalling.</p> <p>Listen on Spotify</p>
	<p>How the US election could change our climate.</p> <p>YouTube – BBC World Service – October 4, 2024</p> <p>Link to America's climate election</p>

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:

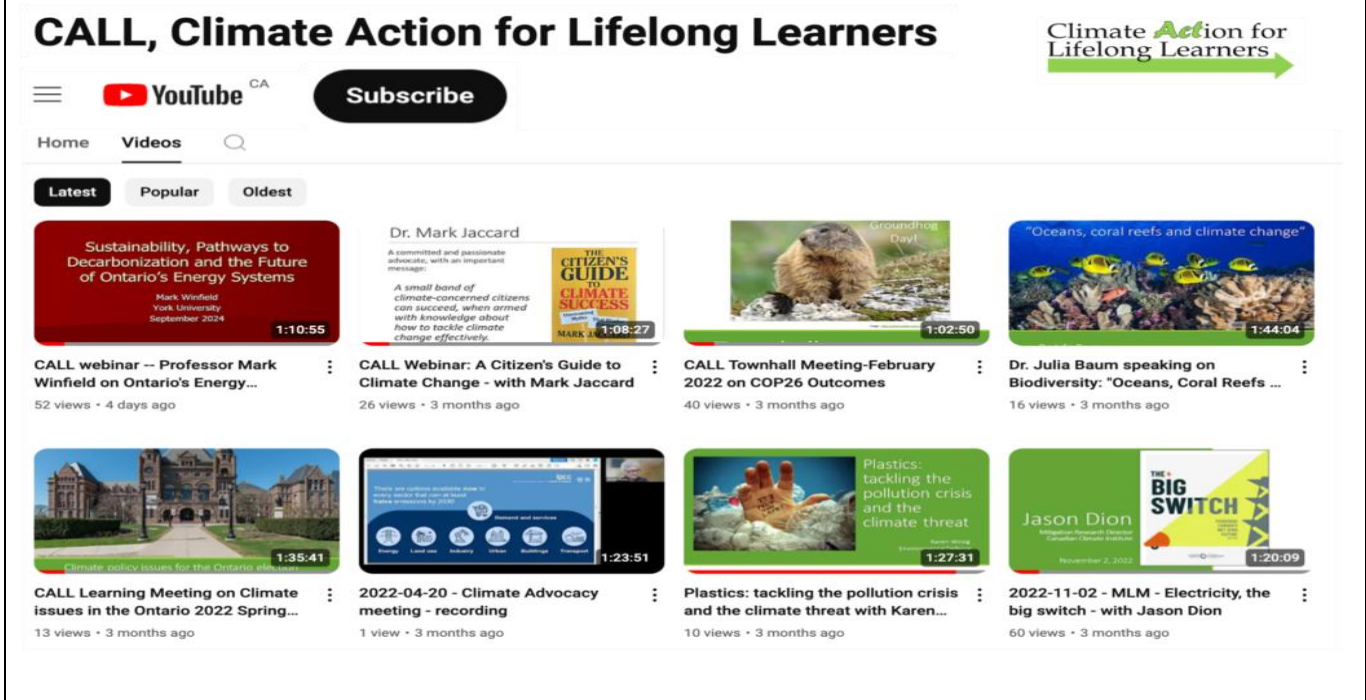
- Leadership team member – shape the CALL organization and its future
- Monthly newsletter – select and publish newsletter content
- Interest groups – help organize discussions and activities like guided hikes, letter-writing campaigns and more

For further information email contact.us@climatelearners.ca

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.

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