



CLIMATEFAST

LET'S ACT ON CLIMATE - *FAST!*

ACTION ALERT - APRIL 2, 2022

PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN! !



Which future will it be? A living world, or a dying one? You, dear reader, know how extremely urgent effective climate action is for our province. ON JUNE 2ND we need to elect a climate action friendly government. To make that happen we need to mobilize!

Right now the trend is away from a government with a majority of climate-friendly MPPs. ClimateFast is non-partisan, so we are simply comparing party policies on climate. It's especially important to work in key ridings to raise climate as a major concern.

TODAY IS APRIL 2ND, so we have 2 MONTHS! Here's how to get involved!!

READ ON TO LEARN ABOUT 4 GREAT CAMPAIGNS AND 3 FABULOUS EVENTS THAT CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CAMPAIGN LAUNCH!

Wednesday April 13th at 7 pm

There's a role for everyone in this campaign: like to talk to people? Join the Ontario Voters Coalition and go door to door. Want to bring people together online? Host a climate conversation! Want to help create a debate in a crucial riding? Join a GreenPAC debate planning committee. Like to write? The Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign needs you!

PLUS, a brand-new MYSTERY campaign! Learn all about it at our ClimateFast election campaign launch! April 13th at 7 pm.

Special guests: **Tim Ellis** will kick off our campaign with an action pitch! **Rizwana Hussain** from GreenPAC will introduce the GreenPAC debate plan. **Lyn Adamson** will speak on the Ontario Climate Election Campaign, and **Colleen Lynch** will update us on climate conversations in the Ontario election context.

[Register](#)

ONTARIO CLIMATE EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN!

Volunteers needed!

ClimateFast has joined the Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign. This means supporting a 12-point Climate Action Plan during the election - and after. We are inviting as many groups as possible, and individuals, to pledge support for this provincial Climate Action Plan. We are planning a launch of the campaign on April 20th, so let's make our list of supporters as huge as we can by then. [Sign on your group to the Climate Action Plan.](#)

The OCEC campaign needs writers and help with outreach and social media. [If you can help please sign up here.](#) *If you are willing to write, please also contact Lyn Adamson at lyn@climatefast.ca.*

Learn more about this campaign at our Election Campaign launch on April 13th!

GREENPAC DEBATES: HELP NEEDED!

GreenPAC is working local communities in 11 key ridings in the GTA to bring an all-candidates debate to voters. *These ridings are crucial!* Help is especially needed in: **Willowdale, Mississauga-Streetsville, Markham-Stouffville and Richmond Hill.** If you live in or near these ridings or know of contacts or groups that could be helpful in building a successful debate PLEASE GET INVOLVED! There's a meeting Tuesday night about Mississauga-Streetsville, and the other campaign planning teams are just getting going.

DO YOU LIVE IN SCARBOROUGH? TEECC, the Toronto East End Climate Collective is following up on their very successful March 12 Day of Action for a Just Transition with full-on planning for debates in Scarborough Centre and Scarborough Southwest. The first organizing meeting is this Thursday April 7th, on zoom and we'd love you to join in!

Please [contact GreenPAC](#) soon or let them know by using this [sign-up form](#). While GreenPAC is focused on these ridings, if you would like to organize in your own riding, get in touch and find out how GreenPAC can support you. *You can also find out more about this initiative by attending our election campaign launch on Wednesday April 13th.*

ONTARIO VOTER COALITION - TALKING TO VOTERS!

In June 2022, the Ontario Voters Coalition aims to elect a government that values the people and communities who build a thriving, sustainable economy based on fairness and equity. Accomplishing this requires conversations with neighbours in our ridings about which candidate and party will best advocate and implement policies that help Ontarians live fulfilling, healthy lives.



Deep Canvassing Workshop

with Veteran Campaigner Tim Ellis

April 12th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

[Register](#)

OVC's Deep Canvassing Training with Leadnow Senior Organizer, Tim Ellis, is for anyone interested in having these conversations and is particularly geared to those who are volunteering (or thinking about it!) to knock doors in key ridings. You'll learn:

- **how to start conversations**
- **active listening skills**
- **canvassing advice**

You'll also walk away with policy fact sheets that you can use to engage on a variety of concerns.

Volunteer Canvassers Needed

The [Ontario Voters Coalition](#) (OVC) is seeking volunteers to speak with voters in their ridings about important policy issues to consider as we head to the polls in June. It is crucial that we recognize the power we have to bring about the change we want for an equitable, sustainable Ontario. This is possible when neighbours speak with neighbours about where to find accurate information on candidates and on how to cast ballots.

[Sign up](#) and you'll be provided with the training and resources you'll need to have productive conversations on the road to electing Ontario's new government.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA COVERAGE

ClimateFast Meeting April 11th, 7 pm

Are you concerned about the lack of mainstream media coverage of the climate?

We hear very little about the IPCC reports and the absolute urgency of climate action. There will be a meeting on Monday April 11th at 7 pm of ClimateFast members interested in increasing mainstream media coverage. Volunteers welcome! Register at media@climatefast.ca and you'll receive a zoom invite.

ONTARIO: YOURS TO PROTECT- EARTH DAY EVENTS



The Yours to Protect Movement is organizing events over the Earth Day Weekend (Apr. 22,23,24th) to map and amplify local environmental organizing in the lead-up to the June Election. This will show politicians that people all across the province care about climate, biodiversity, and pollution. We want healthy, walkable communities and we don't want more sprawl and highways.

Holding an Earth Day event is a great opportunity to promote your GreenPAC debate and talk to people about the importance of voting with our climate, health, and communities in mind.

[Register YOUR event here](#)

[Check out this map of all registered events:](#) Events are being added for the next two weeks so see what you can organize!

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR'S MAYDAY EVENT

A Mayday call means emergency - and it's also a workers' day of action. Join the OFL's Mayday event at Queen's Park on May 1st by joining a feeder march bringing Code Red for Climate Action and Jobs for a Just Transition messages to government. We will meet at 1 pm and join the rally at Queen's Park at 2 pm. Details on where to meet will be in our next newsletter. If you can volunteer to help organize, email volunteer@climatefast.ca.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MAY 14TH

EMERGENCY IN ONTARIO! RALLY FOR NATURE, CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES!

This rally is in the planning stages and volunteers are welcome. Please email volunteer@climatefast.ca if you'd like to get involved. And definitely save the date & invite your friends!



ClimateFast is run solely by volunteers. Your donation will be used for mailings, campaign materials, room rentals and transportation



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