



## CLIMATEFAST – EARTH MONTH ACTIONS! Music, workshops, TREES!

***This is Earth Month! Lots is happening and your voice is needed now!***

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### TAKING THE CLIMATE JUSTICE CONVERSATION ONLINE

Our final training in the series on Kitchen Table Climate Conversations is this Monday night and there is still time to register – **hosting a climate conversation with your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues or a group you are part of is a very important way to reach out and bring more voices in support of the urgent climate action we need.**

Learn more on Monday! Sign up [here](#).

#### Taking the Climate Justice Conversation Online

APRIL 12, 7-9 PM

Webcast 4

*Collective  
Courage*



*What's Next?  
Supporting one  
another.*

*Building Conversations  
Stories & Tips  
Collective Action  
Civic Engagement*

April 12, 7-9pm EST

After a climate conversation, attendees are ready to collaborate! Together, we can summon our collective energy to move into uncertainty, to embrace and encourage change and be there to support each other through it. In so many ways we need courage and in so many ways we are showing that we have it!

The fourth and final webcast in the series explores how to tailor a conversation and focuses a little more deeply on the last part of the KTCC agenda, ways of working together, actions and solutions and supporting one another.

- How to approach and build engaging conversations for different circles.
- Taking action and working together: Hear stories and tips about actions, working collaboratively and methods of engagement, including civic engagement.

More info and links to recordings in the KTCC series can be found [here](#).

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### EARTH DAY WEBCAST



ClimateFast, Science for Peace and Drawdown are preparing a webcast with fantastic guest speakers, so [sign up today!](#)

**Speakers include:**

Shelba Deer – Nishnawbe-Kwe & Haudenosaunee

Gail Whitlow – Mohawk elder

Colleen Lynch - Poet, ClimateFast & Toronto350

Guy Dauncey – Earth Future

Leslie Solomanian – Naturopath & Tree Project organizer!

Courtney Howard – Past President, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

**HEALING OUR EARTH – TOGETHER: REGISTER HERE:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/healing-our-earth-together-tickets-149742960225>

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**OUR EARTH DAY PROJECT!**



You are invited to join in a spring planting of fruit trees in Toronto neighbourhoods. You can donate funds to cover a tree in a community garden or purchase a tree for your own property.

Delivery will be early May (May 1 – 8 most likely)

Visit <https://www.transitiontreemobile.org/product/gift-tree-hugger/>

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**UNBLOCK THE CLIMATE BILL!**



<https://climateactionnetwork.ca/2021/04/08/environmental-groups-urge-federal-parliamentarians-to-unblock-climate-bill/>

Bill C-12 is the Climate Accountability Bill – and it needs to get past 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and into committee hearings ASAP. **Add your voice** to the calls for changes to C-12 -and to get it moving forward! **Contact your MP!** More info here: [https://www.forourkids.ca/bill\\_c-12\\_action](https://www.forourkids.ca/bill_c-12_action)

*Remind them of just how urgent action is – enclose the link to the [Energy Mix story](#) on record levels of CO2 and methane.*

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## SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 24 CLIMATE LIVE CONCERT!

Climate Live Canada is a group of youth climate activists and musicians that are planning concerts here in Canada as a part of a larger international movement. On April 24 and October 16, 2021, over 40 international chapters of [Climate Live](#) will bring artists, activists, and scientists to their respective country's stage to advocate for climate justice. Internationally, Climate Live is being supported by Greenpeace, [350.org](#), Fridays For Future, Oxfam, and many other organizations, with individual support from Greta Thunberg, Declan McKenna, Glass Animals, and other industry professionals.

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## GLOBAL JUST RECOVERY GATHERING!

*In progress this weekend:* <https://350.org/get-ready-for-the-global-just-recovery-gathering/>

SUNDAY SESSION INCLUDES: **Transforming Power through Youth Organizing: 11 AM EDT**

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## FEDERAL CLIMATE PLAN – AND SURVEY

In December the federal government released their climate plan: Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy. There's an opportunity to provide feedback by filling out a survey online.

The climate plan link and survey link can be found on this page:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/climate-plan-overview.html>

### Observations of climate plan:

While there are many positive programs included, some with budget figures, there are no numbers to indicate that the scale and pace of these programs will reach the target (*spoiler alert: they will not*). They ask about how satisfied you are with the target (note that 32-40% reduction is not by any means sufficient, it must be a min of 50% according to IPCC and 60% reduction for the fair share target the Climate Action Network has set). Please note that there are indications in the plan that they want to develop SMRs (small modular nuclear reactors) as part of the plan, also biofuels, carbon capture and hydrogen.

### On SMRs:

Here's a [fact sheet](#) produced by the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research and Physicians for Social Responsibility and [one](#) from Ontario Clean Air Alliance.

The main commentary we want to make is that:

1. The plan doesn't really tell us about the numbers - how we are going to achieve GHG reductions, just some of the program ideas are outlined and some of the costs but not what that spending will achieve.
2. It asks about the target - so is an opportunity to stress that the targets are insufficient.
3. It asks for ideas, We will stress the need for funding community groups and initiatives as well as retraining for jobs in the new green economy.

*Please add more about your ideas of what gov't must do to help us reach the target we need to get to.*

### CLIMATE PLAN CRITIQUES:

- Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN) [climate plan critique](#) "THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY"
- Indigenous Climate Action [Climate Plan Critique](#)

It is worth participating in the survey. Estimate: 15 min to do the survey. Please read or scan through the climate plan before you do so, so that's another 20 minutes or so minimum. It's an opportunity to put the justice lens, the green lens and the urgency lens on it. *Please also let your MP know of your concerns. See action above re Bill C-12.* See also the [call](#) from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives for a Just Transition Act.

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## LETTER-WRITING BEES

*Have you wanted to write a letter to your politician  
but weren't sure how?*



Join ClimateFast's  
**Letter-Writing Bees**



We get together with others (over Zoom) to  
craft our letters together.

*Next bee on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 on proposed Highway 413.*

**For more information or to sign up, contact**  
[volunteer@climatefast.ca](mailto:volunteer@climatefast.ca)

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## EVENTS

## ECO JUST FOOD NETWORK – Emergency Food Forum

ClimateFast has signed the Eco Just Food Network open letter; in Earth Month they are offering: 2021 Emergency Food Forum, April 14, 21, 28, 6:30 – 9 pm

More info here: <https://ecojustfoodnetwork.org/>

## MILITARISM & CLIMATE CHANGE: DISASTER IN PROGRESS

Start: Thursday, April 29, 2021 • 7:00 PM • Eastern Daylight Time (US & Canada) (GMT-04:00)

Science for Peace & World Beyond War

Host Contact Info: [canada@worldbeyondwar.org](mailto:canada@worldbeyondwar.org)

Register: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/militarism-climate-change-disaster-in-progress>

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## RESOURCES!

**NEW DOCUMENTARY: The Fight for Tomorrow** (documentary)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUQwX3hoMdl> (recently aired, includes Sophia Mathur and other youth activists)

**TEDx TALK:** From October Global Countdown event: Allie Rougeot, Toronto Coordinator for Fridays for Future, tells it like it is. Time to **get involved**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llh4sKXxCk0>

**ARTICLE:** GLOBAL CO2 LEVELS HIT ‘VERY SCARY’ 3.6 MILLION-YEAR HIGH

From The Energy Mix: Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels are higher than they’ve been in the last 3.6 million years, and methane concentrations surged in 2020, all despite restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to preliminary data released this week by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). After **exceeding 420 parts per million** for the first time in recent measurements, carbon dioxide concentrations measured at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawai’i are now a full 50% above pre-industrial levels. [Article link](#)

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## DO YOU WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

ClimateFast seeks volunteers – your skills are needed! fill out our [volunteer application](#)

## CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION TO CLIMATEFAST?

We very much appreciate your support! If you are able to donate click [here](#)

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## THANK YOU EVERYONE! WE ARE CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER!!!!



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