

TORONTO LAUNCH – FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

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Speaker Bios



Tzeporah Berman: Tzeporah has been designing environmental advocacy campaigns and environmental policy for 30 years. She is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Studies at York University, the International Program Director at Stand.Earth, the Chair of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, the co-founder of the Global Oil and Gas Network and the former co-director of Greenpeace International's Climate and Energy Program. She has held appointed positions advising the British Columbia government on climate policy and was appointed by the Alberta Government to Co-Chair the Oil Sands Advisory Working Group tasked with making recommendations to implement climate change and cumulative impact policies in the oilsands. Tzeporah has been listed as one of the 35 Most Influential Women in British Columbia by BC Business Magazine and awarded the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in British Columbia. In 2019 Tzeporah received the Climate Breakthrough Project Award and in 2013 she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of British Columbia. Twitter: @Tzeporah Berman



Seble Samuel: Seble Samuel is an Ethiopian-Canadian geographer and climate justice campaigner. She recently joined the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative as the Global Cities Campaign Lead. Based in Addis Abeba, she is a co-founder and organizer of Menged Le Sew - Ethiopia's open streets movement; the Sustainability and Environment Lead of the Global Shapers Addis Ababa Hub, where she co-leads Ye Zembil Melse, a collaborative campaign for a plastic-free Ethiopia; and a mentor for Africa's inaugural Women4Climate Mentorship Program in Addis Abeba. Her experience spans East Africa, Latin America and Canada, working on climate justice, multimedia communications and socio-ecological resilience with international programs and civil society organizations. Seble holds a BA in Geography and Anthropology from McGill University and an MSc in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford.



Sabaa Khan: Dr. Sabaa Khan is Director for Climate Solutions at the David Suzuki Foundation, and leads the Foundation's work in Quebec. She is an attorney member of the Barreau du Québec, specialized in international environmental and trade law. She is also a Member of the World Commission on Environmental Law of the IUCN. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Khan was Senior Researcher at the Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law based in Joensuu, Finland. In addition to providing counsel, publishing and lecturing in the field of global environmental governance, Dr. Khan has held a number of expert appointments, including on the NAFTA Advisory Council on the Environment (Government of Canada), Commission for Environmental Cooperation, and the UN Expert Group on LIRA Guidance (UNEP). Her work has been published by the Nordic Council of Ministers, the United Nations University - Institute for Sustainability and Peace, the Leiden Journal of International Law and Cambridge University Press, amongst others. Dr. Khan holds a doctorate in law from the Faculty of Law at McGill University, as well as law degrees from the Université de Montréal (LL.M.) and the University of Ottawa (LL.L.).



Catherine Abreu: Executive Director, Climate Action Network - Réseau action climat (CAN-Rac) Canada

Catherine Abreu is an internationally recognized, award-winning campaigner whose work centres on building powerful coalitions to advance action on climate change. One of the world's 100 most influential people in climate policy as named by Apolitical in 2019, she has over 15 years of experience campaigning on environmental issues including 7 years in the heart of the climate movement.

Catherine is currently the Executive Director of Climate Action Network – Réseau action climat (CAN-Rac) Canada. Canada's primary network of organizations working on climate change and energy issues, CAN-Rac is a coalition of more than 120 organizations operating from coast to coast to coast. Catherine joined CAN-Rac Canada in 2016, after five years spearheading the energy and climate programs at the Ecology Action Centre, Atlantic Canada's longest-running environmental advocacy organization. She is also the former Coordinator of the Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition.

An accomplished public speaker, Catherine is honoured to have shared the stage with some of the world's leading environmental thinkers, including David Suzuki, Christiana Figueres, and Bill McKibbin. Her political commentary has featured in the New York Times, the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, and the Financial Post. She appears regularly as an expert guest on CBC, CTV, Global and other current affairs television and radio programs.

Catherine is the 2020 recipient of the prestigious Jack Layton Progress Prize for her international leadership on climate policy and action, and her transformative work at CAN-Rac Canada. She is a proud honouree of Canada's Clean50.



Julia Levin: Julia obtained a Bachelor of Science in Biology from McGill University and a Master of Education in Adult Education and Community Development from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. In her current role with Environmental Defence Canada, she works to advance climate action at the federal level. She has previously worked with both Greenpeace Canada and Oceans Canada. Julia has been organizing around climate justice for over a decade.



Chloe Tse: Chloe Tse is a climate justice activist at Fridays For Future Toronto where she focuses on the intersections between the many types of injustices and fights for system change. Chloe is also an undergraduate student at the University of Toronto studying neuroscience and health policy.



Moscow Apartment: Moscow Apartment create lush, harmony imbued indie rock that is interwoven with the timeless and perceptive writing of singer-songwriters Brigid Fry and Pascale Padilla. The award winning teenage duo released their critically acclaimed sophomore EP, *Better Daughter*, in July 2020 nabbing them a CMW Indies nomination

for duo/band of the year. Moscow Apartment performed at the 2019 Global Climate Strike and the 2021 Climate Live Canada concert that was organized by Brigid who also helped to co-found Music Declares Emergency Canada, a new climate organization for musicians.



Steve Shallhorn: Steve has worked on climate issues since the mid-1990's in Canada, Washington DC, Amsterdam, Tokyo and Sydney Australia, and while working for Greenpeace.

Since 2011, Steve Shallhorn has been the Executive Director of the Labour Education Centre, (LEC), a project of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council. Steve initiated the Working Green unit at LEC focusing on creation of green jobs, Just Transition of workers from fossil fuel industries, and joint union management committees to reduce workplace greenhouse gas emissions.

From 2012-2016 Steve was concurrently the founding Director of the Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN), a network of labour and community groups working. The TCBN used a Collective Impact model to ensure that training and green jobs building Toronto's Light Rail Transit are available to historically disadvantaged communities and equity seeking groups.

As CEO of Greenpeace Australia –Pacific climate change was the major campaign, which focused on closing the coal industry in Australia, and on the effect of climate change among Pacific Island nations.

Steve was also Executive Director of Greenpeace Japan, and Campaign Director for first Greenpeace Canada, and then Greenpeace USA. Steve played a key role in successful Greenpeace Campaigns to save the Great Bear Rainforest in BC, and a ban on the dumping of nuclear waste at sea through the UN's London Dumping Convention, and was an early advocate for greenhouse gas emissions.

From 1978 until 1986 Steve worked for the student movement, the peace and disarmament movement and Central American support movement in Toronto and Vancouver.

Steve graduated from McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario, earning two undergraduate degrees in 1977 (History) and 1979 (Economics). He attended the University of Technology Sydney Masters of Community Management program part-time from 2007-2009.

https://www.laboureducation.org/working_green



Dr. Antonia Sapping: Dr. Toni Sapping is a family doctor based in Toronto (Treaty 13 territory) who works with the homeless population. She is also the Co-Founder of PlasticFree Toronto, an educational platform that seeks to inspire community action to address the climate and plastic crises using an environmental justice lens. She is a passionate advocate for health equity and healthy environments.



Christine Boyle: Christine Boyle is a Vancouver City Councillor. Elected in 2018, Christine led Vancouver to declare a Climate Emergency, and then to implement one of the most ambitious and comprehensive climate action plans in North America. She was successful at getting Vancouver to commit to implementing UNDRIP, and has been a vocal advocate for strong public services, for expanding co-op and social housing, for harm reduction, and more. Christine is a community organizer, a climate justice activist, and an ordained United Church Minister. She previously did national climate organizing among diverse faith communities, including at the Paris Climate Summit and the Vatican.



Mike Layton: Mike Layton is the City Councillor for Ward 11, University-Rosedale.

As Councillor, Mike has worked tirelessly to protect and improve City services that people depend on, and to preserve the diverse character of the city's neighbourhoods. He has been a strong voice on City Council to make Toronto a world leader in the fight against climate change. He has also championed building new affordable housing, investments in arts and culture, aboriginal issues and reconciliation, and better public transit and cycling infrastructure.

Mike has led the development of a number of creative new initiatives including: Toronto's Home Energy Loan Program (HELP) funding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on Toronto buildings, pressing the province to give Toronto Inclusionary Zoning powers to mandate affordable housing in new development, the Toronto Music Advisory Council, and the Cask Force – a joint City and industry advisory committee working to support and promote Toronto's craft beer industry.

Mike serves as co-chair for the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee where he led efforts to declare 2014 the year of Truth and Reconciliation, the inclusion of the acknowledgement of traditional territory in City Council, the development of a Toronto Aboriginal employment strategy, the establishment of an Indigenous Affairs Office, and other initiatives related to reconciliation.

Mike is active on national bodies including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the National Zero Waste Council.

Prior to being elected as City Councillor, Mike worked at Environmental Defence, one of Canada's leading environmental charities. In that role, he worked to protect the Great Lakes and make Ontario a leader in green energy and jobs. He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Studies, with an Urban Planning Specialty. He is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University where he has taught Canadian local government.

Mike has twice been voted "Best City Councillor" by NOW Magazine readers. He lives in the Christie Pits neighbourhood with his wife Brett Tryon and his daughters Phoebe and Chloe Layton.



Lyn Adamson: Lyn Adamson is co-chair of ClimateFast, a dedicated volunteer group that strives to build political will and to persuade politicians to work toward urgent and substantial action on climate change. Lyn is an activist, Quaker, and an avid bicyclist. She is also co-chair of the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, a member of Citizens Climate Lobby, and a grandmother of 3.