

Climate Action

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Opportunities, Events
& Resources



Greetings!

Welcome to our new Climate Action e-newsletter! This monthly update is full of links to information on learning about, reducing and preparing for climate change. Please forward it to other community leaders and youth in the Capital Region.

**December Climate
Action**

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friendly holiday](#)**

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**December Climate
Action:
Dreaming of a Green
Christmas?**

Opportunities

December 2009

FUEL: IMAX Film Screening 7pm Tonight!

**A visually stunning,
amusing, in-depth and
personal tale of oil use
and abuse**

It examines a wide-range of alternative energy solutions, the faltering North American automobile and petroleum industries and the latest stirrings of a growing mindset toward alternative energy. FUEL shows how positive change can start with one individual or community. The BCSEA is hosting a one-time showing in Victoria, on Dec. 10th, by donation. [Watch the trailer](#) or [Find out more](#)





We are reminded daily of how many shopping days are left, but what happens to the climate with all this consumerism?

Tips for Equitable & Sustainable Giving - a good thing any time of the year!

Give green IOUs:
[Build you a Compost;](#)
[Fix your bike;](#)
[Refill soap & detergent bottles,](#)
[Make the house energy efficient](#)

DIY: Make your own Green Gifts! (out of recycled, local materials)

Give Gift Certificates to local, seasonal, organic eateries:
[Pizza Pi](#)
[Village Family Market](#)
[Cafe Bliss](#)
[Silk Road Tea Co.](#)
[Mo:Le](#)
[Soltice Cafe](#)
[Rebar](#)
[Spinnakers](#)
[Restaurant](#)
[Canoe Brewpub & Restaurant](#)
[Il Terrazzo](#)
[Barb's Place](#)
[Vista 18](#)
[Cafe Brio](#)

And for that special someone who just has to have something new, find unique, useful gifts

Canada to Copenhagen

Negotiating the international climate treaty

Right now in Copenhagen, Denmark, December 7-18, world leaders are meeting to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which runs out in 2012. Will Canada support or stand in the way of the world setting ambitious, fair and binding targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

So far, Canada has been "awarded" [Fossil of the Day](#) for our government's "unwavering commitment to stand firm in its inaction throughout these negotiations." This distinction is presented to whichever country has done the most to delay and otherwise disrupt negotiations for an agreement on a global reduction in carbon emissions.

There is a lot you can do to change history's judgement on us:

- Got a phone? [You can help](#) the Canadian Youth Delegation make a difference in Denmark
- Dispatches from the [Global Youth Climate Movement](#) (the latest: Climate Rap Videos?!)

[Updated Science](#) from the International Panel on Climate Change

- **International Day of Climate Action:** Sat Dec. 12: Check out the Climate Carollers NOON to 12:30pm on the Corner of Douglas and Fort St. downtown, and join the 7pm candle light vigil at Centennial Square

Give the Gift of Green: tax-deductible donations!

Struggling youth and climate champions need your help by Dec. 31, 2009

Madrona Farm is a 27-acre mixed vegetable farm in Saanich which produces over 170,000 lbs of local, organic, climate-friendly food year-round. The Land Conservancy [needs your donation now](#) to protect Madrona Farm from being sold to developers, so that we can ensure food security for future generations.



Being a teenager is hard enough. Imagine being a teenager new to Canada. You have to learn a new language, make new friends and figure out who you are in a new culture. Plus you have homework, and your parents are trying to find work and learn the language too. [By donating to the Youth Enable program](#), you will ensure VIRCS can help over 200 immigrant and refugee children and youth next year, including offering them culturally-appropriate environmental education!

CRD CAP News: Staff Transitions



at stores who specialize in fair trade, organic, biodegradable, union-made and/or cooperatively-produced items:

[Rainforest Store](#)
[Not Just Pretty](#)
[Knotty by Nature](#)
[Plenty Epicurian Pantry](#)
[Nezza Naturals](#)
[Good Planet Co.](#)
[Fibre Options](#)
[Hemp & Company](#)
[Hair Garden Salon](#)
[Mountain Equipment](#)
[Co-op](#)

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Regional Climate Action

Staff departure: I have been wrapping up my work with the CRD this month, and am confident that the many resources and relationships that have been developed over the past year will continue to support youth and adults alike in reducing and preparing for climate change. In January, I will be moving to the Gulf Islands to develop restoration-based youth programs funded by eco-tourism social enterprise with the Galiano Conservancy Association. I look forward to staying in touch! You can reach me at emily_menzies@hotmail.com or 250-686-2726.

Staff arrival: Lee Johnson, our new Climate Action Program Assistant will be joining CRD Climate Action Program Coordinator, Sarah Webb, in January to help you continue to access the resources and e-newsletter you love! He can be reached at ljohnson@crd.bc.ca after January 4th.

It has been my pleasure to support you as the CRD CAP's Youth Climate Liaison. Check out the resources and links to programs I've put together that can help you [Take Action at School](#) in the months to come!

For information or support from the Capital Regional District's Climate Action Program in the future, please contact the CRD CAP Coordinator Sarah Webb: scwebb@crd.bc.ca or 250-360-3123.

Sincerely,

Emily Menzies

Capital Regional District Climate Action Program

In case you don't know, the CRD Climate Action Program acts as a hub, facilitator and resource on climate change issues. The program serves and works in cooperation with local governments, non-profit organizations, public and private sectors, and citizens of all ages to reduce emissions and build capacity for "future-friendly" communities on Southern Vancouver Island.

Check out our website:
www.crd.bc.ca/climatechange