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Greetings!

Welcome to the 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.



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**January Climate Action:
Resolutions for a Climate-Friendly 2010**



Did you know that research

January 2010

Announcing the Youth Climate Education Partnership

The CRD is working with award-winning education service providers to ensure young people can continue to learn about and take action to address climate change through interactive, curriculum-linked, class visits. By taking advantage of these free programs in your school, you can learn how to take action at home and at school. More than 3,600 students and teachers in the region will benefit from this partnership in 2010 through the delivery of:



- The [Climate Change Showdown](#) in elementary schools, run by the BC Sustainable Energy Association.
- The [Sustainable High Schools Project](#) in high schools, run by the Sierra Club of BC.
- The [goBeyond Project](#) in post-secondary institutions, run by the BC Campus Climate Network.

shows that if you make a commitment to change your behaviour, you are much more likely to be successful?

The percentage goes up if you tell someone else, write it down somewhere you'll see it regularly, or even better - make a public commitment with your family members, friends, classmates or colleagues at work.

The important thing is to figure out what are the perceived or real barriers you face in becoming the change you'd like to see in the world, and then working to overcome them.

Learn more from environmental psychologist Doug McKenzie-Mohr about [fostering sustainable behaviour change!](#)

Top Five Climate Friendly Changes you can make this year:

1. Conserve, protect & restore the resiliency of the ecosystems which sustain us. Whether replacing lawn with a garden in your backyard, planting native species on school grounds, or removing invasive species at regional parks, when you increase biodiversity, you increase our region's ability to adapt to climate change.

2. Invest in the Post-Carbon Economy: whether its a bike, solar thermal system or an [ethical fund](#), lets put our dollars into building the green, cooperative, socially responsible [economy of the future](#).

For more climate education programs and resources, check out our [Take Action at School webpage](#).

The BC Green Games

The BC Green Games is a competition for Kindergarden to Grade 12 students



throughout the province. The purpose of which is to motivate action, enable sharing and reward and celebrate the green efforts that are taking place at your school.

Why should you participate? BC Green Games is awarding ten \$1000 prizes for elementary school entries and ten \$1000 prizes for secondary school entries for the [top green projects](#). This prize money can go to sustain and support your schools future environmental action projects.

Wondering how to get involved? All you need to do is visit <http://www.bcgreengames.ca/> to find out more about the program and make sure your teacher sponsor has registered your team before **February 26, 2010**. Online submissions of your teams achievement will be accepted between **February 1** and **February 26, 2010**.

To find out more about the team make-up and eligibility please read the [official rules and regulations](#).

United Way of Greater Victoria - Youth Bootcamp

Meet other Youth Council members (philanthropic, civic, or corporate) and learn about their best practices for reaching consensus, making tough decisions, running successful meetings.

No cost but seats are limited, so you must register in advance.

Participants are asked to bring a brown-bag lunch, but refreshments and snacks are provided.

Youth Advisory Council Development and Networking Camp

January 23rd, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

1144 Fort Street (United Way office)

Email youth@uwgv.ca or phone 250-385-6708, ext. 236 to confirm your seat.

Red Fish School of Change

Have you ever wondered how you can

3. Green Career

Planning: its never too early or too late to think about how to earn your livelihood in a way that reduces the threat of climate change.

[Environmental Careers Online](#) will get you started.

Any occupation can and will have to become a [green collar job](#) - and if its what you're spending most of your time doing, why not be proud of your life's work? [Look for green job postings here!](#)

4. Create a Transition

Plan with your [family and friends](#), in your [community](#), or [region](#): to find out what you need to learn and how you can change in preparation for climate change & peak oil.

5. Go Local

Take the initiative this year to plant your own vegetable garden in your backyard. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience that will last a lifetime! Call [LifeCycles](#) at (250) 590-4141 for all your gardening inquiries.

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Regional Climate Action Program

travel British Columbia's interior mountain range and the west coast while earning post-secondary education credits?

If you are interested in leading social and environmental change and are currently enrolled in post-secondary education this program might be for you. You can earn three 300-level environmental studies credits as you travel BC from May 12 - June 19, 2010.

Activities include:

- Backpacking spectacular Valhalla Provincial Park and paddle the Fraser River from Harrison to Vancouver
- Engage with experts in the field and conduct your own field research
- Participate in workshops, field trips, service learning, community dialogue, leadership initiatives and action projects
- Learn and practice critical skills for creating social and environmental change.

Visit www.schoolofchange.ca to find out more information about the program, eligibility requirements and bursary opportunities.

Have an idea for an event, opportunity or resource you'd like to see in the February Enews? Please pass along your great ideas to us by email ljohnson@crd.bc.ca or by phone 250-360-3039.

Sincerely,

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Thanks!

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.