

September 2009

September: Back to School & Stepping up to Climate Action!

Now is the time to kick off the year with great outreach events to get new folks aware and interested so you can get them more involved in the months to come. The Youth Climate Leadership Alliance comes to a close Oct. 27, so **Book a School Visit with Emily Now** to help plan your year to become carbon neutral!

Events

Sun, Sept 20, 10:30am-3pm: Hartland Happening (Hartland Landfill, off West Saanich Road) Donations of non-perishable items for the Mustard Seed will be collected. Free Shuttle available! www.crd.bc.ca/waste/hartland/hartland-openhouse.htm

Sun, Sept 20, 10am-1pm @ Selkirk Trestle on the Galloping Goose trail **Victoria's Secrets Tour** – Learn some cycling secrets in Greater Victoria's West Shore; those places where bikes can go but cars cannot! 30 km easy ride – bring a lunch. www.gvcc.bc.ca

Mon, Sept 21, 6:30- 9pm @ Cineplex Odeon Theatre: World Premiere of "**The Age of Stupid**" - a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055 asks "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?" (**Free, but RSVP: Cassie Holcomb: 744-2720**)

Mon, Sept. 21, 12:18 PM @ Centennial Square (Pandora & Douglas): Join our **Climate Change Wake-Up Call** "flashmob" event in Victoria - it's one of thousands of events taking place on September 21st all across the world to demand a strong global climate treaty. [Want to join us?](http://www.avaaz.org/en/sept21_toolkit) Want to host your own flashmob event? www.avaaz.org/en/sept21_toolkit

Mon, Sept. 21, 7:00pm – 9:30pm @ 638 Fisgard St: **CRD Regional Cycling and Pedestrian Master Plan Workshop:** we need **YOU** ideas on how to make our region a better place to walk and bike! RSVP to Sue Hallett: shallett@cd.bc.ca or 360-3156.

Every **September 22**, people from around the world celebrate **World Car Free Day** in the streets, intersections, and neighbourhoods to remind the world that we don't have to accept our car-dominated society. For more info: www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd

Teachers, here is a sample lesson plan to inspire critical thinking: www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0509/050921-car-free-day-e.html

Tues, Sept. 22, 7pm – 8:30pm @ UVic Bob Wright Building: **BC Transit Presentation:** *Walking, Bicycling, Transit and Public Spaces – Creating Great Cities* featuring Gil Penalosa. RSVP to vrvt@bctransit.com

Fri, Sept 25, 11:30am- 1pm @ Westshore Teaching Garden, 2139 Sooke Rd: **"Taste of Harvest" Celebration**

Sat, Sept 26, 10am - 3pm @ Westshore Teaching Garden, 2139 Sooke Rd: **Fall Perennial and Shrub plant sale**

Wed, Sept. 30, 12pm – 2pm @ UVic Bus Loop: **Universal Bus Pass 10 Year Anniversary Celebration:** Cake, live music and fun!

Oct. 5-9: From your home to your school!!! Join schools across BC for **International Walk to School Week:** www.hastebc.org

Wed, Oct. 7, 4:30-6pm @ Reynolds Secondary room 32: **Environmental Educators Network** biannual meeting: hcoey@shaw.ca

Can't get enough climate friendly and green events? Good sources of green events can be found at the following:

www.earthfuture.com/econews/

<http://greendrinksvictoria.ca/gd/events.htm>

www.greenmuze.com

www.bcsea.org/get-involved/events

<http://planetfriendly.net/calendar>

(Check the Eco Calendar)

Want to sign up for this E-newsletter? Do you have a resource or opportunity to share? Do you need help?

Take the CRD Youth Climate Leadership Alliance **SURVEY:** www.sureforms.net/emilymenzies.form

Contact me with requests and solutions at emenzies@crd.bc.ca or 250-361-8437

Opportunities

Green Career Planning: Sustainability and the Co-operative Economy **Social Fair & Speakers Forum: Friday Oct. 16, 11am-6pm** @ UVic. Speakers will offer information and ideas in the areas of green jobs, community economic development, food and energy security, sustainable finance and more! **Planning 10 Teachers** are invited to bring their classes for a free field trip to rub shoulders with post secondary students and professionals from a diverse array of cooperatives and social enterprises. **Teachers and students will be provided with green career planning materials from www.eco.ca Info: emenzies@crd.bc.ca**

Invent the Future: goBeyond has partnered with BC Hydro Power Smart and the Gulf Island Film and Television School to run this fun competition featuring YOUR ideas for conserving energy, producing sustainable energy, sustainable products or even adopting a sustainable lifestyle change. Sounds easy? It is. Submit a **video or an essay** that describes your idea and you could win one of four **\$2,500 grand prizes**. Contest runs from September 8 -November 8, 2009. Posters: emenzies@crd.bc.ca Info: www.inventthefuture.ca

BC Citizen Conservation Councils: Have an idea for conservation you would like to share with the provincial government? There are 6 regional committees of community leaders who are tasked with collecting and sharing the priorities of their regions with cabinet. **Share your ideas** with the Vancouver Island Council at: <http://www.livesmartbc.ca/community/vancouver.html>

Canada to Copenhagen: A new climate treaty will be negotiated during international climate talks in Copenhagen, Denmark, December 7-18, 2009. Will Canada support or stand in the way of the world setting targets for deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that are **ambitious, fair and binding**? There are all sorts of opportunities to learn more, get involved & have your say!

- **Kyoto Plus:** [Pedal for the Planet hits Parliament Hill, September 15th!](http://www.kyotoplus.ca/pedal) Info: www.kyotoplus.ca/pedal Nadia and Martina Novak from Pender Island bike-and-blogged to Ottawa from Victoria!! www.rideforourbrightfuture.blogspot.com
- **Attend Power Shift**, a national youth conference in Ottawa, Oct 23-26, with 1000 other Canadian youth climate leaders for presentations, workshops, and a green job fair. **Send in your video and win a travel bursary!** <http://powershiftcanada.org>
- **Canadian Youth Climate Coalition** offers news and great resources at their action center: www.ourclimate.ca
- **Join the Tck Tck Tck campaign:** over 1million global citizens are telling world leaders we are ready for climate action, as time is ticking down to Copenhagen, and running out for action. Learn about events, meetings, the issues: <http://tcktcktck.org/>
- **350 parts per million** is the level of carbon scientist say we need to keep our climate stable. So Oct. 24th, people around the world are organizing events focusing on 350 – bikes, dancers, visions of a post-carbon future... get inspired at www.350.org, then help organize FutureFest Victoria – our event here in Centennial Square, 12-3pm. Contact: emenzies@crd.bc.ca

City of Victoria Youth Council: The CVYC is looking for new members to ensure Youth in Victoria have a voice at City Hall, working closely with city staff and local community groups. Youth 24 years or under apply by Sept 30. Info: www.cvycc.net or caitlin@cvyc.net or 383-5800. **Interested in starting a youth council in your municipality or the CRD?** Info: emenzies@crd.bc.ca

Telus Community Investment: registered charities can **apply for grants** to support projects focusing on arts and culture, education and sport, or health and well-being in our environment, as well as have a youth and/or innovative use of technology component. Check out: http://about.telus.com/community/community_boards/en/community_funding/index.html

SPARK Initiative: YouthCore is seeking proposals for **Youth-led Change projects**. Youth 13 – 25(or groups or organizations working directly with youth) who have an idea to help make their community a better place can apply for **\$500 - \$3000**. Applications are due Wednesday Sept. 30th. Check out www.youthcore.ca and search 'SPARK' or contact caitlin@lifecyclesproject.ca

Next Up: is a 6 month leadership program for young people **ages 19-32** who are committed to social and environmental justice! We'll explore how change is made in society through meeting some of the most **innovative change-makers in BC** — from the non-profit, business and public sectors — who are working for a better world. For more info and to apply by Sept. 18: <http://nextup.ca>

CANDAC's Northern Experience Program: participant and Esquimalt High School grad Britney Allen travelled to Resolute and Eureka, Nunavut in April. Currently studying Sciences at UVic, Britney is interested in sharing her experiences and what she's learned about the High Arctic with various schools this year. To **book a presentation**, contact her at ballen@uvic.ca

Mountain Equipment Co-op: youth ages 16 to 24 who join before Oct. 31, get discounts and a chance at [\\$1000 Gift Card](#).