

February 13, 2021 Guest Speaker: Diane Randall, FCNL General Secretary



CCL works closely with a number of organizations that support carbon pricing. One of those is the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), which encourages their members to engage with lawmakers on peace and justice issues. Joining us is Diane Randall, General Secretary of FCNL, who leads their staff to educate and lobby for policies and legislative priorities established by FCNL's General Committee. Diane has led FCNL's program expansion, including adding lobbyists and new programs to engage grassroots citizens, young adults, and more Quakers to lobby for peace, justice and a sustainable planet. Note: FCNL in Toronto has been hugely supportive of our work.

Playback options are available on our volunteer website: [CCL Community](#).

CCL Canada February 2021 Actions at a Glance

1. Send personal postcards to your MP through social media, email, or snail mail thanking your MP for advancing Canada's climate policy or urging them to do so in the future. When it is COVID safe, you could even hand-deliver these postcards to your MP's constituency office.
2. For groups who plan to work on outreach in 2021, now is the time to plan for the Fridays For Future Global Day of Action on Friday, March 19, Earth Day Celebrations on Thursday, April 22, and World Environment Day Celebrations on Saturday, June 5.
3. Consider our actions for the online warriors and then nudge your group in CCL Community to complete them.

Upcoming Calls	Date and Time	Call Options
CCLC Leaders Call All Canadian CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: Thur, Feb. 11, 2021, 6 pm PST / 9 pm EST Option 2: Fri, Feb. 12, 2021, 8 am PST / 11 am EST Option 3: Mon, Feb. 15, 2021, 6 pm PST / 9 pm EST Choose 1 to attend. Use this Doodler to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or log in online for free . If you can't get online, please call in.
CCL International	Sat, February 13, 2021 10 am PST / 1 pm EST	www.cclusa.org/meeting
CCL USA Training Webinars: Understanding Updates to Canada's CFD Policy	Thurs, February 18, 2021 5 PM PST/ 8 pm EST CCL Canada and Canadians for Clean Prosperity will be discussing Canada's carbon pricing policy.	https://www.zoom.us/j/273716354#success
Feb. CCLC Education NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS & CARBON PRICING Can carbon pricing and nature-based solutions be combined?	Tues., Feb. 23, 2021 4 pm PST / 7pm EST Florence Davet, CPAWS, The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Finding Common Ground: Six Steps for Tackling Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss in Canada (pay particular attention to steps 4 and 6) Sign this Doodler to RSVP.	https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/my/ccliinternational Passcode: look in emails or ask your group leader
Mar. CCLC Education	Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4 pm PDT / 7 pm EST Guest Speaker: Dylan Clark, Canadian Institute for Climate Choices. Tip of the Iceberg: Navigating the Known and Unknown Costs of Climate Change for Canada Sign this Doodler to RSVP.	https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/my/ccliinternational Passcode: look in emails or ask your group leader
CCL International Strategy Workshop III https://citizensclimate.earth/	Wednesday, March 31, 2021 5 am - 7 am (PDT) / 8 am - 10 am (EDT)	Registration Open

Overview of 2021

Important Note: Savouring must come first. We only expect our volunteer group leaders to give about 10 hours per month to CCL. The election of US President Joe Biden means things will change rapidly, and we have to allow ourselves and each other time to read and process information.

January - February: Finish up lobbying at the federal level. January is for planning. Easy actions will be sent out in February to help empower our MPs to be climate champions and jump-start our groups for an exciting year.

March - April - May: The first of two very busy times for CCLers. We will have the Fridays For Future Global Day of Action, provincial lobbying, Earth Day events, letter to the editor writing, a possible Motivational Interviewing Workshop for working with Conservatives, a possible new paper parliamentary petition supporting farmers, and then national lobbying.

Provincial Lobbying in March: CCL members in BC, AB, ON, and NS will want to do this. Our ask of our provincial parliamentarians will be that the federal government, provinces, and territories work together to address the climate emergency we are facing. Firm dates will be forthcoming.

Friday, March 19: Global Day of Action with Fridays For Future. Help local youth by donating money and resources, offering help with events, promoting the events, writing letters to the editor, helping with media releases, and basically cheering them on. If there are no FFF youth in your community, you can organize an event. The global theme is [#NoMoreEmptyPromises](#). Confirm that any local event is registered with [FFF events](#) so that people can find them on the [FFF map](#).

Earth Day Events on Thursday, April 22: Biden's Global Climate Leaders event on Earth Day, the G7 meeting April 19-20, and the Fridays For Future Global Concert on April 24. Be prepared to write letters to the editor about these exciting events.

May: If no election is called federally, we will have an online conference and virtual lobby days on either Saturday, May 15 or Monday, May 17.

June: Look forward to World Environment Day on Saturday, June 5 and the CCL Virtual International Conference Saturday, June 12 to Sunday, June 13. CCL Canada will also be fundraising this month.

Summer: Do what rocks your boat, unless something urgent comes up!

September and October: In September, Climate Week at the UN creates lots of momentum for climate action. In October, there will be an online conference in Canada and federal lobbying if there is no election. There is a possibility for grassroots endorsement action if there is no election!

November - December: We will be following along closely to see what happens at COP 26 in November. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement will most likely be determined.

CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY EVENTS 2021

End of March 2021: CCL Canada's Virtual Breakfast with our provincial parliamentarians (online) – date TBD very soon

Wednesday, March 31, 2021: Citizens' Climate International Strategy & Action Workshop II (online)

Saturday, May 8, 2021: (99% certain) Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada Spring Rendezvous and Lobbying Days 2021 (online)

Saturday, June 12- Sunday, June 13, 2021: Citizens' Climate Lobby USA Conference (online)

Saturday, October 2 to Tuesday, October 5, 2021: CCL Canada's National Conference and Lobby Days

IMPORTANT DATES GLOBALLY IN 2021

March 19, 2021: #FFF Global Day of Action #NoMoreEmptyPromises

April 19-20, 2021: G7 Event at the G7

Thursday, April 22, 2021: 51st Earth Day and Leaders Climate Summit USA

Saturday, April 24, 2021: #FFF Global Concert

Saturday, June 5, 2021: UN World Environment Day

June 2021: G7 Leaders Summit in the UK

September 20 – 26, 2021: UN Climate Week in NYC

Saturday, October 16, 2021: #FFF Global Concert

October 30-31, 2021: G20 Leaders Summit in Italy

November 1-12, 2021: COP26 Glasgow, Scotland

Action #1 Send personal postcards to your MP online, email or over snail mail

Why: To continue to build relationships with our MPs and empower them to take further action on climate.

What: Send personal postcards to your MP through social media, email, or snail mail thanking your MP for advancing Canada's climate policy or urging them to do so in the future. When it is COVID safe, you could even hand-deliver these postcards to your MP's constituency office. If you wish and the timing is right, make it Valentine's Day themed.

How: Assign a "postmaster" to collect testimonials. Use this template to get started. If it is for Valentine's Day, add some hearts or other festive iconography.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fjbpV9s2hrHC5bwl2qBbXdcyIXvmmGPeNhQc28AoSJg/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Pull down the "File" menu and select "Make a copy" or "Download"
2. Duplicate template slide #4 by going to "Edit" on the menu, then click "Duplicate."
3. In the duplicate slide, insert a photo by going to "Insert", "Image".
4. Add a testimonial of ~50 words from the volunteer on why they support the Healthy Environment and Healthy Economy legislation or the need for improvements to the newly introduced Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (C12)
5. When you are ready to deliver to the postcards, download (or "Save as") a .pdf version and deliver it during your next CCL virtual lobby meeting highlighting some of the best testimonials, or
6. Post it Twitter, tagging CCL Canada on Twitter @citizenslobbyca with the hashtag #CCCL2021, provide it to MPs staff via email, or snail mail if you are able to determine that your MP's office is hand-deliver it. If you deliver your postcard book electronically, include a good example postcard in the body of your email so that the staff can see a preview of the amazing postcards attached. Also ask for a reply! Please cc canada@citizensclimatelobby.org so that we can see all your images. We are going to update the home page of our website and seek testimonials.

Action #2 Get Ready for Spring Outreach

Why now: Spreading event management over months makes the time commitment more manageable and thus more fun. Please stay COVID safe and follow all instructions from your local health unit.

● Fridays For Future Global Day of Action on March 19

- First, determine if there is a Fridays For Future group in your community. Here is a map that indicates the Canadian groups that were active in 2020: <https://fridaysforfuture.ca/map-page/>

- Second, pay attention to the international map. It should start showing the March 19 strikes online by early March <https://fridaysforfuture.org/action-map/map/>

- If you live in a community without a Fridays For Future group, you can organize your own event. It is ideal to have youth spokespersons on the event team to advise if there are none to take lead. Please don't use Fridays For Future events as a platform to promote carbon pricing. Here are FFF International's 2021 demands: <https://climateemergencyeu.org/>

● Earth Day 2021, April 22

The theme this year is [Restore Our Earth](#). Now is the time to search for Earth Day events in your communities. It is a chance to engage in grassroots, as well as grassstops, outreach. Note: It will be a very busy week:

April 19-20, 2021: C7 Event at the G7 Summit

Thursday, April 22, 2021: 51st Earth Day and Leaders Climate Summit USA

Saturday, April 24, 2021: #FFF Global Concert

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>

● The UN World Environment Day (WED), June 5

For those of you who live in colder parts of Canada, note that groups in the North often conduct events outdoors circa [World Environment Day \(WED\) on June 5, 2021](#) in lieu of dealing with unpredictably cold weather in April. This is an extra special consideration because of COVID restrictions, which should ease as we enter the summer months.

Implemented in 1974 by the United Nations, each year WED is hosted in a different country, with events focusing on a central theme. The WED 2021 theme is Biodiversity. [Stop Ecocide Canada](#) is something that you might want to explore to learn more about legal avenues for protecting biodiversity. Some of our friends at CCL Nelson-WK are the Canadian team behind it. Traditionally, the Canadian Parliament observes Environment Week circa WED too.

For Our Amazing Online Warriors

1. It's budget time in Canada. Take the questionnaire here and cheer on climate action and carbon pricing wherever possible. This will count as a letter to Minister Freeland:
https://letstalkbudget2021.ca/pre_budget_consultations
2. Tell the Liberal Party you want more action on the climate emergency. This will count as a letter to PM Trudeau:
<https://action.liberal.ca/progress-check-in-survey/?fbclid=IwAR29SrKZeP1YIVOaLGF4JZg2x6tNGP3YNbHxNTDkkqh7Ewnwma-CFUcaJEw>
3. Send letters and petitions on the climate accountability act to your MP and others. Note: Bill C12 is still at second reading. Reports from MPs are indicating it may not get back to committee until the week of February 8 at the earliest. so send the letter now!

MOST IMPORTANT Ecojustice Canada Letter.

This letter will be delivered to your local MP, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, and Peter Schiefke M.P. and thus will count as four letters to Parliament in the Action tracker:

https://www.support.ecojustice.ca/page/63016/action/1?ea_tracking.id=blog

Include the following paragraph in the letter:

Require that, every year (rather than every 5 years), the issue of Canada's progress in meeting its GHG emission reduction targets would be a matter of public debate (in Parliament and the press, and by civil society), based on the report of a respected, independent Advisory Board and the government's response to the report. An annual focus on Canada's GHG levels resulting from Bill C-12 should greatly help generate and maintain the political will necessary for effective action on the issue of GHG emissions reduction. These suggestions are consistent with the UK Climate Change Act.

4. **Lead Now Petition.** This will count as one letter to Minister Wilkinson:
https://act.leadnow.ca/bill-c-12/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=blast2021-01-21
5. **350.org Call on Trudeau to Pass the Just Transition Act.** This will count as a letter to PM Trudeau:
https://act.350.org/sign/jt-act/?akid=139809.2513742.Js9ugq&rd=1&t=6&utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit
6. **NEW: Want to help Canada Build Back Better?** The federal government is making final decisions on the 2021 recovery budget - now is the time to let them know what you think is important. Use this tool to outline your priorities, and while you do so, learn how those priorities impact the number of jobs created and greenhouse gas emissions reduced. This engagement will run till February 19th, after which the results will be shared with the Minister of Finance, so share your thoughts today! <https://buildbackbetter.ethelo.net/page/welcome>

Metrics move mountains! Please set aside an hour or so to record all the letters and petitions sent by you and your members as field reports in CCL's Action Tracker. Let's start racking up those field reports. Politicians take note of highly organized volunteers. We appreciate all that you do. <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>

Laser Talk: Recent Polling Data

A [September 2020 poll](#) conducted in the 905 region of Ontario by Léger and Clean Prosperity showed that Canadians favour pricing carbon when they understand how much money is returned to them. The facts about Canada's national carbon pricing program are that 80 percent of Canadians come out ahead, farm diesel is exempt and people living in rural areas get a 10 percent top-up.

A Dec. 9 poll found that two-thirds of Canadians would like to see their country as either "world-leading" or "among

the most ambitious” in the shift to clean energy and clean technology, according to the latest in a series of surveys conducted by [Clean Energy Canada and Abacus Data](#).

A [January 2021 poll](#) conducted by Léger and Clean Prosperity found that Conservatives should reconsider their opposition to carbon pricing. The poll conducted in the 71 Conservative-held ridings in Alberta, BC, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan dispels the commonly-held notion that Conservatives would lose significant support among their base if they adopted carbon pricing. Instead, the poll found that two thirds of Conservative voters would support Erin O’Toole if he proposed a carbon pricing policy to help the party win government. Further, the poll found that a carbon pricing policy that cuts income taxes could be a net vote winner for the Conservative Party.

Most recently was #ThePeoplesClimateVote released on January 27, 2021 by Oxford University and the UNDP. It was the [largest survey ever on climate change](#). It included 1.2 million people over 14 years of age in 50 countries and 17 languages. [Key findings](#) were that 64% believe we are in a climate emergency, and 10% think world leaders are doing enough. While younger people showed the greatest concern, with 69% of those aged 14-18 saying there is a climate emergency, 58% of over 60 agreed, suggesting there is not a huge generational divide. Specifically for Canada, [69% agreed that companies](#) should pay for pollution.

Laser Talk: New US Administration signals it is moving away from natural gas

On [January 28, 2021](#), US President Joe Biden’s climate tsar Secretary John Kerry said “The problem with gas is if we build out a huge infrastructure for gas now and continue to use it as the bridge fuel when we haven’t really exhausted the other possibilities, we’re going to be stuck with stranded assets in 10, 20, 30 years. And gas is primarily methane. The fact is methane is 20 times [more] damaging, if not more, than fossil fuels.”

HELP WANTED: Lend a Hand With CCL Canada's Action Sheets

Dear CCL Canada Group Leaders: If you or a member of your group would like to help pull together the action sheets every month, then please consider lending us a helping hand!

How to Apply:

If you are a group leader interested in helping us or have a volunteer who would like to join, [then please fill out this form by March 15](#).

Relevant Online Events to Consider Watching During COVID Lockdown

Massey is Missing COP26: More information	Black Voices in Climate Action Date: Feb 18, 2021 Time: 7pm-8:15pm EST	Visiting Scholar Professor Cheryl Teelucksingh, Victoria City Councillor Sharmarke Dubow and Canada’s Green Party Leader Annamie Paul
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