



CCL Monthly Conference Call, Saturday, May 3, 2014

Groups meet at 9:45am PT / 12:45pm ET

Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665: Pass code 440699#

The international conference call starts at 10:00 am PT / 1:00 pm ET **SHARP!** The conference call part of the meeting is a little over an hour long and the groups meet for another hour after that to plan actions.

Instructions: Sign on to the call at least five minutes before the start time. When you first get on the call, please announce your name, city and how many people are in the room.

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CALL

Saturday, May 3, 2014 10 a.m. PDT / 1 p.m. EDT

Dana Nuccitelli, SkepticalScience.com



The cost of cutting carbon emissions is a lot cheaper than we think, according to the latest IPCC report. Guardian blogger and SkepticalScience.com contributor Dana Nuccitelli will help us dive into the economics of curbing fossil fuel use on our next call. Dana is an environmental scientist at a private environmental consulting firm in the Sacramento, California area. He has a Bachelor's Degree in astrophysics from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Master's Degree in physics from the University of California at Davis. He has been researching climate science, economics, and solutions since 2006, and has contributed to Skeptical Science since September, 2010.

ACTIONS

1) The Honourable Member of Parliament for British Columbia's Southern Interior, Alex Atamanenko, is screening [The Change Agents](#) movie in Ottawa on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Assign one person in your group to personally invite your MP to a screening of [The Change Agents](#) movie. That person is to first phone and then follow up the invitation with an email. Additionally, ask all your group members and their friends to send snail mail invitations that encourage your MP to attend the movie. Include data from the recent IPCC reports in your letters.

2) Join the CCL Community if you are inclined to connect with others online. We will be group learning how to navigate around the CCL community this month. This action is optional.

Ongoing

1) Continue to write letters to the editor using the resources found in our [February](#) and [March](#) actions sheets. Don't forget the contest to see who can get the most letters published between March-May!

Upcoming

- 1) [Defend Our Climate](#), is a national day of action on Saturday, May 10, 2014. This event is optional yet recommended because it should be a good place to find new members and supporters locally.
 - 2) **Citizens' Climate Lobby Miniblit**, June 2 and 3, 2014 during Environment Week on Parliament Hill, Ottawa ON. Please RSVP to cathy@citizensclimatelobby.ca if you plan to attend, ASAP.
 - 3) [CCL International Conference and Lobbying Days](#), June 22-24, 2014, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. Register online by May 22, 2014, to be assured a lobbying spot. Look for an email from Kate (kate@citizensclimatelobby.ca) next week as she will be collating contact information of attendees.
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LASER TALK

Cutting carbon is cheaper than we realize

The conventional wisdom has always been that taking the necessary steps to reduce the threat of climate change will play havoc with the economy.

In other words, we can cut carbon and stabilize our climate, or we can grow the global economy and thereby lift more people out of poverty and continue to enjoy our comfortable lifestyles. But we cannot do both at the same time.

That myth is now exploded.

According to a report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, drastic action must be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but the cost of that action is much smaller than anyone thinks.

While economic growth is between 1.6 percent and 3 percent a year, the report states that mitigation would slow that rate of growth only 0.06 percent a year.

The report does not factor in the positive impacts of mitigation, such as improved health from the reduction of air pollution. Nor does it factor in minimizing economic losses from the damage climate change causes. If these factors are taken into account, the cost of mitigating climate change is far cheaper than doing nothing.

The latest IPCC report shows that economic impact can no longer be used as an excuse to delay action that will cut greenhouse gases.

References

http://report.mitigation2014.org/spm/ipcc_wg3_ar5_summary-for-policymakers_approved.pdf

Action #1



Personally invite your MP to a screening of the movie [The Change Agents](#) on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in Ottawa. Please note the week of June 2 is Federal Environment Week. We are working directly with MP Alex Atamanenko (Southern Interior BC) and the Producer of the movie, Sarah Hayward (originally from Toronto and an acquaintance of MP Carolyn Bennett). Gratitude to Laura and Sean at CCL Nelson for the connections.

Please assign someone in your group to phone and then afterwards email your MP with the specifics of the invitation. See below for the French and English resources from MP Alex Atamanenko's office. **All MPs and Senators are to RSVP to: Jennifer Ratz, Alex.atamanenko@parl.gc.ca, 613-996-8036** . Also, please keep track of your MP's response. If he/she RSVP's yes, then forward it to rsvp@citizensclimatelobby.ca

If you plan to attend the movie in Ottawa, then please RSVP to RSVP@citizensclimatelobby.ca

As well, ask your volunteers, friends and acquaintances to send [The Change Agents Invitation postcard](#) to your MP. The more personalized we make the postcards, the more likely our MPs will attend the movie. For example, when the movie [Sharkwater](#) was screened on Parliament Hill, with the Canadian Director Rob Stewart present, just over a dozen parliamentarians attended.

Canada's National CCL manager, Cathy Orlando has watched the movie in its entirety and she fully endorses it. It is an empowering movie in the spirit of Citizens' Climate Lobby.

The Change Agents was filmed in Nelson, British Columbia. MP Alex Atamanenko asked CCL to help with promotion of the event on Parliament Hill. After Cathy viewed the movie she called The Change Agents team and asked if she could screen it in Sudbury. It was screened in a high school and to a general audience on Earth Day to positive reviews. The movie viewers felt it is work of art and should be seen especially by politicians and youth.

According to Cathy, *"The protagonist in the story, Carly, goes through many of the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical struggles of someone deeply concerned about the crises we face. Her journey is empowering. The Change Agents movie is a catalyst for a better future."*

This movie is made by Kootenay youth for youth. What inspired The Change Agents was a conversation Robyn Sheppard (director / writer) had with one of her students. *"If everything being said about the environmental crisis is true, then why aren't we doing more to change things. It's an emergency. She sat in my office in tears. "We need to do more."*

Salina Mathur, a sixteen year old from Sudbury, who was trained by Al Gore and the Climate Reality Project said after the movie, *"I think it is a really good movie because teenagers can relate to the characters better than most other climate change movies. It shows how someone who hasn't even graduated high school can make a difference in the climate crisis and that is very inspiring."*

Albert Einstein once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." He knew that logic could only take you from A to B, but imagination could take you beyond what you knew and understood.

THE CHANGE AGENTS

WHAT ONE GENERATION WILL DO TO SPEAK UP FOR A PLANET IN PERIL



Film Synopsis

The Change Agents is the coming-of-age story of Carly Dutoff, a Doukhobor girl living with her Deda (Grandfather) in a beautiful mountain town in the interior of British Columbia.

Carly has become alienated from her peers due to her growing obsession with the pressing environmental issues facing the planet today.

Her friends, many of whom support the environmental movement in principle, “just want to have fun” during their final year of high school. Carly, however, is unable to forget her fears about the planet’s uncertain future.

Frustrated by the apathy of the adults who surround her... Carly draws upon her Doukhobor ancestry and along with a few faithful followers organizes a youth driven movement that challenges their community and all Canadians to step up and show environmental global leadership.

The Change Agents is a drama about finding the strength to turn your beliefs into action.
It is an important film because it captures the authentic voice of youth and leaves us hopeful.

(Les agents du changement – Ce qu’une génération est prête à faire pour défendre une planète menacée)

Synopsis du film

The Change Agents est l’histoire du passage à l’âge adulte de Carly Dutoff, une adolescente doukhobore qui vit avec son Deda (grand-père) dans une belle ville en montagne dans la région intérieure de la Colombie-Britannique.

Carly se coupe de ses pairs en raison de son obsession croissante pour les problèmes environnementaux urgents auxquels la planète est confrontée aujourd’hui.

Un grand nombre de ses amis appuient en principe le mouvement écologiste mais « veulent seulement s’amuser » pendant leur dernière année d’études secondaires. Pour sa part, Carly est incapable d’oublier ses craintes au sujet de l’avenir incertain de la planète.

Frustrée par l’apathie des adultes qui l’entourent, Carly s’inspire de ses origines doukhobores pour mettre sur pied, en collaboration avec quelques fidèles compagnons, un mouvement dirigé par des jeunes qui exhortent leur collectivité et tous les Canadiens à réagir et à faire preuve d’un leadership mondial en matière de protection de l’environnement.

The Change Agents est un drame sur la force qu’il faut trouver pour agir selon ses convictions.
Il est important parce qu’il représente bien les jeunes et nous donne de l’espoir.

Suggested Script for phone call:

Hi my name is _____ and I am a volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby. Who am I speaking with (write down the name)? I am constituent in MP _____'s riding. I know you are really busy and get a lot of emails, but have you have seen the invitation email from the honourable Member of Parliament for BC's Southern Interior, Alex Atamanenko, about the screening of [The Change Agents](#) Movie in Ottawa on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.? Citizens' Climate Lobby is collaborating with MP Atamanenko.

I would like personally invite MP _____ to the screening of the movie. If MP _____ plans to attend please RSVP to Jennifer Ratz in MP Atamanenko's office, cc'd to me. I will send you an email shortly with all the details. Which is the best email address to use? Thank you for your time.

Suggested Script for email:

Dear _____

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Alex Atamanenko, MP, BC Southern Interior

In collaboration with the Citizens' Climate Lobby
Cordially invites all Senators and Members of the House of Commons
To the screening of the film

"The Change Agents"

Tuesday June 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.

131 Queen Street, Room 8-53

Alex Atamanenko, député, Colombie-Britannique-Southern Interior

En la collaboration avec le Citizens Climate Lobby
invite cordialement tous les sénateurs et les députés
à la projection du film

"The Change Agents"

le mardi 3 juin 2014, de 19 h à 21 h,

au 131, rue Queen, salle 8-53

R.S.V.P, Jennifer Ratz, Alex.atamanenko@parl.gc.ca

[613-996-8036](tel:613-996-8036)

Thank you for your time.

Truly,

Your name and phone number

Also, continuing with Action #1, here are the instructions for your group members.

In preparation for your monthly meeting print [The Change Agents Invitation postcards](#) . Ask your volunteers at the meeting to send [the postcard](#) to your MP. Please ask people to mention the current IPCC reports.

Two reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were released this spring with both bad news and good. The bad news is that the impact of climate change, under a business-as-usual scenario, will be extremely severe, with average global temperatures possibly rising between 4 and 5 degrees Celsius, outpacing humanity's ability to manage and adapt. The good news is that steps to mitigate climate change, by quickly moving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, can contain warming to the 2C threshold most scientists think is manageable. This can be achieved with little or no negative impact on the global economy.

At your meeting this month:

Included in the snail mail invitation, share the latest findings from the IPCC and ask for their support for a carbon tax that returns revenue to households. In your letters, you can also reference climate impacts you may have seen in *Years of Living Dangerously* too.

Talking points from the IPCC reports:

- Climate change has already cut into the global food supply. Global crop yields are beginning to decline – especially for wheat – raising doubts as to whether production could keep up with population growth.
- Warming in the Arctic is melting permafrost, thus releasing methane – a greenhouse gas with 30 times the potency of CO₂ – and creating a dangerous feedback loop.
- The report warned for the first time that climate change, combined with poverty and economic shocks, could lead to war and drive people to leave their homes.
- The report said climate change was driving recent heat waves and droughts, and was a risk factor for wildfires.
- We've already burned more than half of our "carbon budget" to stay within 2C of warming, and we're on track to exceed the budget in the coming decades.
- To reduce the risk of climate disaster, there must be a fundamental shift in global investment from fossil fuels to renewable energy.
- Contrary to popular belief, the cost of mitigating climate change is miniscule – slowing annual economic growth by only 0.06 percent.

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Action #2

Join the CCL Community Social Network site (optional)

<http://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/>

Join the CCL Community if you are inclined to connect with others online. We will be learning how to navigate around the CCL community on special calls during May and June.

This action is specifically for the people who like connect online. This action is optional as our Prime Directives at Citizens' Climate Lobby are to: **i)** Create a trusting and meaningful relationships with our representatives around the issue of climate change. **ii)** Keep the messages about climate change in the mainstream media truthful and hopeful.

If you or any of your group members have not registered in CCL Community social network and would like to join please follow these instructions:

1. If you have not already done so, **Register with your local CCL Group (as a member of YOUR CHAPTER) on our website here:**
<http://citizensclimatelobby.org/register-with-ccl/> by Friday, May 9, 2014
2. If you are not sure if you have registered in our database, contact cathy@citizensclimatelobby.ca and she will check the CCL database.
3. After May 9, check your email box for an email invitation from CCL Community. It could be filtered to Spam or Gmail's "Promotions" email file, so please check those locations for the Community invitation. If you get an email and are already in the CCL Community or you don't want be in the CCL Community, please just delete the invitation email.
4. If, by Monday, May 12, no CCL Community invitation has arrived, please send an email to communityregistration@citizensclimatelobby.org an invitation.
5. Accept the invitation, enter your profile info, write down your USERNAME and PASSWORD, and make a bookmark on your browser for community.citizensclimatelobby.org.
6. An "activation" email will be generated (check your inbox, spam or junk) and activate the account.
7. You can now log in!
8. If you would like, watch the "Getting Started with Community" video tutorial at the top of the FAQ page.
9. Join the Great White North group and perhaps your local group too. If your local group is not in there, we will figure out together, how to get it in there, if that is your wish.
<http://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/groups/canada/great-white-north/>
10. Please check out the FAQs and the CCLU from time to time for new info. We plan to schedule a special teleconference call in May for a tutorial on the CCL Community. Please look for an email regarding the schedule for the Canadian CCL calls for May.

Special Canadian Instructions:

Each *required field* in the CCL Community has been customized for Canadians to join. Here are the specifics:

- **CCL Group Name:** Look for the first two initials of your province's name followed by your group. eg BC Vancouver, ON Red Lake, AB Calgary, QC Montreal or NS Halifax (PEI may not be in there as that is new).
- **Congressional District:** We are being organized under our provinces not our ridings - look for CAN-AB, CAN-BC, CAN-ON etc
- **State/Province/Division:** Our "provinces" are embedded alphabetically within the "states".