

Peoples Climate March - Canadian Media Briefing Documents

Stories

The Peoples Climate March is bringing people together in new, unprecedented ways with communities attending the march, and organizing in Canada in ways like never before. This is a selection of some of the stories of folks from Canada attending the march. For more information or to be connected directly with any of these folks, please contact cam@350.org.

Indigenous Women Leading Opposition to Extreme Extraction Across Canada

Indigenous women from communities leading organization in opposition to fracking, tar sands and pipelines are travelling from Canada to the Peoples Climate March to share their stories and lead pieces of the march. This will include participating in the march, as well as a number of events including the major event at the New School #FRACK OFF: Indigenous Women Leading Media Campaigns to Defend our Climate

(https://www.facebook.com/events/1465144983761870/1468092980133737/?notif_t=like#F)

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Hundreds of people from Canada head to NYC

With nearly a dozen buses filled, hundreds of people from Canada will be heading to the Peoples Climate March in New York city, one of the largest mobilizations of Canadians to a global political event, and the largest ever on climate change.

Some buses have set aside spaces for journalists interested in travelling down to get an inside look at the work that has gone into organizing this massive mobilization effort. Contact [**cam@350.org**](mailto:cam@350.org) for more information.

Faith Communities in Canada Stepping Up

Over the past year, faith communities in Canada and around the world have been taking on climate change in a new, powerful way. To date, three churches in Canada have pledged to divest from Fossil Fuels, and recently Fossil Free Faith Canada was launched - an interfaith network working on fossil fuel divestment across Canada. A number of members of and leaders from the faith community in Canada will be gathering as part of the march in New York.

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Youth and Students Taking the Lead

With over 300 campuses across the US and Canada organizing for the Peoples Climate March, its no surprise that young people are key leaders emerging in this mobilization and the climate movement as a whole. Dozens of youth and students will be heading to the PCM as part of the busses going from Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, including large contingents of organizers from the now over 40 fossil fuel divestment campaigns active in Canada.

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Unprecedented Action in Canada

On September 20th, a powerful gathering is taking place at the Peace Arch Border Crossing between British Columbia and Washington state. Communities from Canada and the US, along with Indigenous peoples from all along the Salish Sea are coming together to send a unified and clear message to world leaders: it is time for unprecedented action to defend the Salish Sea and our global climate from fossil fuel development.

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On top of this there are dozens of actions across Canada, and information about these actions can be found here: <http://peoplesclimate.org/join-an-event/>

Other contacts:

Doctors Organizing to Connect Climate Change & Public Health

Earlier this year, the Canadian Medical Association passed a resolution supporting a call for a coal power phase-out thanks to the work of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) who have been organizing doctors around the public health impacts of climate change and fossil fuels. Health professionals will be participating in actions across Canada, and joining the march in New York.

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Labour Unions Join the Peoples Climate March

Labour unions have played a major role in organizing the Peoples Climate March in New York City, including those representing the workers who rebuilt after Hurricane Sandy. At the march, US Unions are being joined by Canadian Labour union representatives calling for and building the same in Canada.

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This is just a small sampling of the stories coming out of the organizing in Canada towards and beyond the Peoples Climate March, if you have questions about any of these or about the march in general, contact Cameron Fenton at cam@350.org or by phone at 604-369-2155.