



Canadian Youth Climate Coalition Newsletter

REGISTER NOW FOR POWER SHIFT CANADA

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On October 23-26, 2009, over 1000 young people from across the country will converge on Ottawa to take a message of bold, comprehensive and immediate federal climate action to Parliament Hill. Power Shift will be two days of training, strategy and action and one mass lobby day to hold our elected officials accountable to for their part to solve the climate crisis, and to build a cohesive and effective youth climate movement. This will be the largest-ever gathering of young people on the environment in the history of this country.

At Power Shift Canada, we will deliver our message of change to our elected officials. Youth of all backgrounds will come together to create a fresh, positive, and inspiring vision of the future, one focused on our potential to overcome the challenges of the 21st century, build a clean...

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Power Shift Canada Video Contest

What could be more exciting than 1000 youth across the country getting ready to come to Power Shift Canada? Well we want to know WHY and HOW you're coming to the largest climate change gathering in Canadian's history! Tell Canada's youth climate movement why you, your team and community wants its voice heard at PSC; what awesome events you have held to spread the word; your creative tactics to raise funds; and whatever else has you excited to come to Ottawa this October! The videos will be posted to our YouTube channel and a few lucky winners will be screened before hundreds at Power Shift Canada!

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“Welcome Pedal for the Planet riders as they converge on Parliament Hill and join the rally to call for action on climate change.”

Pedal for the Planet in Ottawa

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

12:15 - 1 pm: Pedal for the Planet Rally on Parliament Hill. Join the rally to call for action on climate change. Welcome Pedal for the Planet riders as they converge on Parliament Hill. Cyclists will be riding all the way from Whitehorse, Victoria, Montreal, Quebec City, Toronto and other cities. Bring your bike, and cheer on the riders!

1 - 2 pm: Pedal for the Planet Ride: From Canada to Copenhagen. Join the search for Canada’s missing climate action plan, starts on Parliament Hill. The ride is a virtual world tour from embassy to embassy, searching for clues for climate action. We will relay our findings to members of the Environment Committee who are debating Bill C-311, the Copenhagen climate bill. Let’s help Members of Parliament design a climate action plan for Canada.

7 pm: Pedal for the Planet Celebration with Marabou at the Rainbow Bistro, 76 Murray Street, Ottawa (doors open at 6:30 pm).

For more information about Pedal for the Planet events and rides, visit: www.kyotoplus.ca/pedal

Pedal for the Planet is an initiative of [KYOTOplus](http://www.kyotoplus.ca), a national, non-partisan, petition-centred campaign for urgent federal government action on climate change that is supported by more than 70 health, environment, labour, youth (including CYCC), women, development, peace and social justice organizations.

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...energy economy, create millions of green jobs, increase global equity, and revitalize our economy. Now is the time for action. Now is the time for boldness. We will accept nothing less from the people with whom we have entrusted our future: our elected officials, and most importantly, ourselves. 2009 will be a year history will remember.

Registration is now open for Power Shift Canada and is filling fast. Don’t miss your chance to be part of this historic event.

To register, or learn more, visit: www.powershiftcanada.org

To see a video message from our National Director, Amber Church, about registration and Power Shift Canada, please click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuHpETabYMk>



September 21: The Global Wake-Up Call

The Global Wake-Up Call is a joint effort of the TckTckTck Campaign -- an alliance, named for a "tck"ing clock, of organizations and individuals around the world working for an ambitious, fair, and binding global climate treaty. Avaaz is coordinating the Global Wake-Up Call with partners at TckTckTck include 350.org, Greenpeace, Oxfam, WWF, the Age of Stupid, Kyoto Plus, CYCC, and many others.

The first step to get involved is to consider **registering a climate wake-up call event to take place in your local area on September 21st**. These will be quick, politically powerful, and a lot of fun. Our goal is to organize **thousands of wake-up events (or "flashmobs") in public places all over the world** -showing a massive public demand for our lagging leaders to sign a fair and binding deal to stop climate catastrophe and unleash a new green economy this year. **The basic plan is so easy that anyone can register an event**. Avaaz will send simple instructions about how to make these events successful: people will gather in groups at an agreed time on Sept 21st for a few minutes, and together make a phone call to their elected leader to press for climate action. Photos, videos and phone-calls from these events around the world will then be compiled into a **powerful package and delivered to world leaders and the media at the UN climate summit the next day!**



To register a climate wake-up event in your area:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/sept21_hosts

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Grand prizes:

1st prize - \$100 towards their travel costs, registration fee waived, and Power Shift Canada T-Shirt

2nd prize - \$50 towards travel costs, Registration fee waived, and Power Shift Canada T-Shirt

3rd prize - Registration fee waived, Power Shift Canada T-Shirt

Videos should be 1-2 min in length. Judging will be done by a panel of Power Shift Canada organizers and winners will be selected based on creativity, interest created, content, and how well it represents you and your community's drive to take climate action.

Contest deadline is **October 5th**.

Submit your team's video, with your names and contact info to campaigns@ourclimate.ca.

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The Important Websites:

CYCC: www.ourclimate.ca

Power Shift Canada: www.powershiftcanada.org

PS Facebook: www.facebook.com/PowerShiftCanada

PS Twitter: www.twitter.com/PowerShiftCAN

Kyoto Plus: www.kyotoplus.ca

350.org: www.350.org

Global Wake-Up Call: www.avaaz.org/en/sept21_hosts

TckTckTck: www.tcktcktck.org

Pedal for the Planet: www.kyotoplus.ca/pedal

C Day - Fill the Hill: www.cday.atypical.ca/

New Faces at CYCC

CYCC is very excited to introduce you to our two new staff members: Amber Church and Kimia Ghomeshi.

Amber is the **National Director of the CYCC** and a M.Sc. student in Earth Science at Simon Fraser University. She studies glacier retreat, climate change, water, and natural hazards in the Yukon. She founded and co-chaired the International Polar Year Youth Steering Committee (now the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists - APECS). Amber's passion is climate change. She was part of the official youth delegation to the UN Climate Change Meetings in 2005, is part of the Canadian Youth Delegation to COP 15 in Copenhagen, and was one of 200 Canadians selected by the Climate Project Canada to be trained by Al Gore to present an updated version of the award-winning *Inconvenient Truth* slideshow. She travelled to Antarctica in 2006 with Students on Ice as part of their education staff and joined them again in August 2008 for their

Arctic Expedition. She is currently working with Me to We and Apathy is Boring, and in her free time facilitates workshops for Waterlution, a non-profit organization who brings young professionals together around complex water issues. She and her husband, Tyler Kuhn, currently split their time between Whitehorse, Yukon and Vancouver, British Columbia, while they try to pool enough financial resources for their next adventure.

Kimia is an Iranian-Canadian currently based in Toronto, Ontario. Her passion and commitment to environmental and climate justice was sparked after her participation in a Community Environmental Leadership Program in high school, and further ignited through her volunteer experiences in Costa Rica and Panama where communities are facing the devastating effects of large scale agricultural production. She graduated from McGill University in 2005 with an Honours degree in International Development Studies, focused on the Latin American region. Inspired by TakingITGlobal's dedication to youth development and global issues, she worked as their National Program Manager for three years and coordinated the Creating Local Connections Canada program. As **CYCC's Campaigns Coordinator**, Kimia has the exciting role of building the climate youth movement in Canada through projects and campaigns including, the Power Shift Canada summit, the Green Jobs campaign and the Canadian Youth Delegation to Copenhagen.



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