

YOUR WINS IN 2022

You've powered 50 many victories for nature in 2022. This report celebrates the best of the best from this year.



BANNING FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT IN QUEBEC

Since April, when Quebec became the **first jurisdiction on Earth to close the door on oil, gas and coal extraction** in its territory, there have been no new fossil fuel exploration or development projects in the province. This groundbreaking example for all of Canada — and the world — came about thanks to relentless pressure from activists, environmental groups (like ours) and Indigenous Peoples. Read more about the ban: dsfdn.org/quebec-climate-wins

SECURING YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

You've fuelled the fight for your right to a healthy environment since the Blue Dot Tour crossed Canada in 2014. On June 22, 2022, the Senate passed the bill to amend Canada's toxics and pollution law, recognizing that right for the first time in federal law. The Canadian Environmental Protection Act hadn't been updated in more than two decades. **This important shift will open doors for more legal protections for people and the planet.** Now it's up to the House of Commons. You can learn more about this bill here: dsfdn.org/Envr-Protection-Bill



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SAVING KINGSTON, ONTARIO'S LAST URBAN FOREST

Grassroots mobilization, a media blitz and Foundation boreal project manager Rachel Plotkin's letter to Mayor Bryan Paterson helped convince Kingston city council to **kibosh a plan to develop 37 acres of urban forest and wetlands on the Cataraqui River.** The project would have clear cut 2,000 trees, exported 20,000 truckloads of soil and destroyed bird, deer, rabbit, beaver, muskrat and turtle habitat.

CHARTING A CLEAR PATH TO CLEAN POWER

Our modelling research — the first of its kind in Canada — shows that by 2035, this country can have an affordable, reliable national electricity grid with 100 per cent zero emissions. The plan uses renewables like solar and wind, connections between provincial utilities, energy efficiency and innovations in storage and transmission. **No fossil fuels. No nuclear. No new hydro.**

BUT instead of reducing gas on the electricity grid, government may increase it! **Tell your MP you want Canada powered by CLEAN electricity:**
dsfdn.org/support-clean-electricity



GROWING THE GREEN LIVING COMMUNITY

Worrying about the planet can feel overwhelming...

But many people making small changes each day adds up. AND it supports the larger societal transformation needed to protect nature so it can sustain all life.

Thanks to you, we've been providing resources for people to green their lives for more than 10 years. Now that lifestyle outreach program has a new name and look. And even more people love Living Green.

This community has grown steadily to more than 48,000 passionate supporters. All are invited to take part in the conversation about everyday ways to create a better world and make sustainable living mainstream.

Members get tips, simple DIY recipes and how-tos focused on where they can make the biggest difference for the planet via what they eat and buy, how they travel and how they can make home improvements and rewild their neighbourhoods.

Individual action is critical to the broader cultural transformation and systemic change humanity needs to confront the challenges of the climate and biodiversity crises.



Living Green is an easy entry point to effecting that change for people interested in protecting nature with what they have, when they can, where they are.

Check it out: davidsuzuki.org/living-green

LIFTING UP YOUNG INDIGENOUS CLIMATE LEADERS

In 2021, we launched the Youth Forest Ambassador project in Quebec to support young Indigenous leaders already taking a stand on many fronts and issues, and to help them in their engagement to defend their lands, communities, cultures and ways of knowing.

Thanks to you, it's continuing to empower Indigenous and non-Indigenous activists and amplify their voices by:

- Convening seasonally based special events on Indigenous lands
- Stewarding (re)connection with nature/forests and traditional ways of knowing
- Encouraging knowledge sharing between nations and communities
- Increasing awareness of Indigenous land and water issues, and land protection and restoration
- Providing media training and opportunities to host, collaborate on



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Last summer, Forest Ambassadors met for the first time in person post-pandemic in Eukuanitshit on the Muteshekau Shipu (Magpie River) — the first river in Canada to achieve legal personhood status.

or appear as panellists for in-person and virtual Foundation events

- Creating a network of like-minded people, to diminish the distance and loneliness felt by water and land

defenders working on similar issues on different territories

The youth-led climate movement is not backing down. Thank you for lifting it up.

CREATING A CLIMATE-SAFE FUTURE FOR ALL

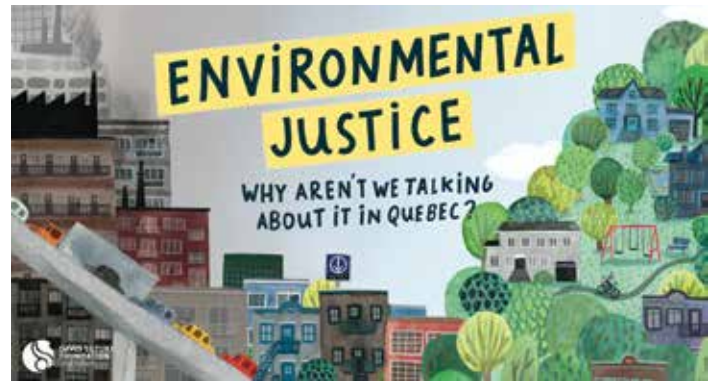
Canada — known globally for breathtaking, pristine landscapes — is rife with the ugliness of environmental injustice.

Underprivileged, racialized and Indigenous communities here are inequitably and disproportionately burdened by damages and risks from climate change and industrial pollution. Besides having to bear the burden of chronic socio-economic stress, their voices and concerns are often drowned out by high-powered, monied investors and developers.

You're bringing these environmental injustices to light, and providing tools, strategies and policies to address them.

Our report, "For Environmental Justice in Quebec: Facts, Arguments, Courses of Action" looks at the situation, makes the case for action and recommends ways to address equity, public health and human rights issues.

A series of personal accounts share residents' daily experiences, such as how high levels of lead in soil and metal dust particles from mining operations are endangering children's health, and how communities are mobilizing to effect change.



ART BY CHLOÉ GERMAIN-THÉRIEN

Although this report focuses on Quebec, the problems illustrated represent environmental inequities in every province and territory.

A month-long ad campaign in Montreal subway and bus stations extended our reach and helped people quickly access information and get involved.

Watch the video at: dsfdn.org/envr-justice-video

Equitable measures save lives and health care costs, prevent ineffective public policies and better prepare all people in Canada for the future, together.



ART BY KIVA STIMAC



ART BY KAIA'TANÓ:RON DUMOULIN BUSH

IMAGINING A BETTER WORLD

Meeting the challenge of the climate crisis requires laws and policies. It also requires everything else humanity has — the full force and potential of imagination and ingenuity.

Works from collaborative climate art projects you made possible were showcased to the world at the November United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 27), in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

While there, public affairs and communications manager Charles Bonhomme and project manager Albert Lalonde took part in a panel on climate change about the importance of art and culture in the fight for climate justice.

The artworks from *Entendez ma colère (Hear my anger!)* were originally part of an Earth Day climate justice art activism poster exhibit held in partnership with Pop Montreal. Those from *Art for Climate Justice* were also turned into posters featured in a book sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and climate-involved federal government ministers.

All pieces are by Indigenous and non-Indigenous artist-activists portraying the profound passions that drive climate ambition — what gives people hope, what terrifies them.

Explore the online galleries at bit.ly/art-climate-justice and dsfdn.org/la-justice-climatique-a-laffiche and share them with people in your networks. You can also download the art to print and post in your community.

A SAFER, HEALTHIER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

More people must recognize that everything this small blue planet provides — from food and water to a relatively stable climate — is affected by our actions.

If we care for the natural systems of which we're a part, they'll continue to sustain us. If we overwhelm them with destruction, overexploitation and pollution, we'll get increasingly frequent and severe heat waves, droughts, floods and other extreme weather-related events, as well as the food and water shortages and systemic breakdowns they bring.

We've been hypnotized by a system that encourages overconsumption, waste and growth as the only way forward. We're now paying the price, and the bill is getting higher every day.

There's no excuse, no reason for this. We know the causes of the problems and we have numerous solutions.

But we're running out of time. My hope lies in action — because it means we

haven't given up, that we know what we do still matters. **Without action, there is no hope.**

Technological innovation is advancing faster than expected, with more efficient and cost-effective renewable energy and energy storage methods being developed. We're making great leaps in understanding how interconnected ecosystems operate, and how this could help us out of the crises. Governments, industry and people worldwide are moving away from fossil fuels, learning to use energy more efficiently and embracing clean energy solutions.

The Foundation's own research — *supported by donors like you* — shows how Canada can get to a national, 100 per cent zero-emissions electricity program in only 13 years!

People power is turning up the pressure on politicians. All over the world, millions are demanding real leadership that ushers in systemic,

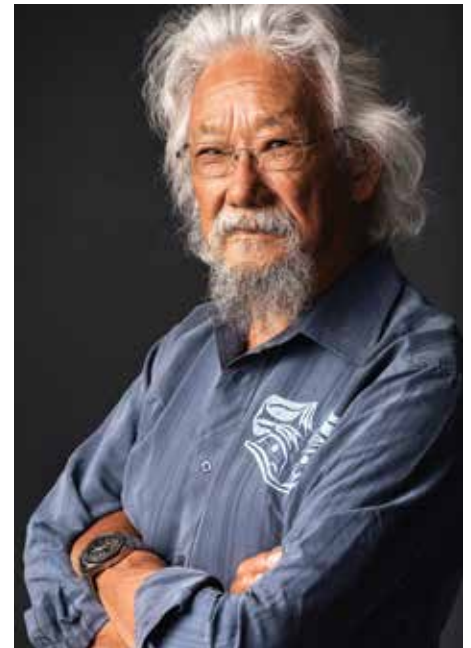


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transformational changes that allow us to live better, sustainably and more equitably with all we have been given on this beautiful planet.

These are all reasons for hope. A safer, healthier world is possible, but we have no time for procrastination.



ART BY CRYSTAL SMITH

INSTEAD OF STUFF, GIVE GIFTS FOR A HEALTHY PLANET

Sending gifts to your loved ones and protecting nature *at the same time* is as easy as one, two, three:

1. **Choose your gifts.** Train a Butterflyway Ranger to protect pollinators. Fund critical climate research. Power a new generation of environmental activists... *and more.*
2. **Dedicate them to special people.** Let them know by sending beautiful, personalized e-cards.
3. **Make a difference.** Your gifts will push for bold climate action, protect nature so it can sustain all life and create resilient communities that benefit *everyone.*



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