

Climate Change Action Advocacy Resources for Nurses

1. Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

Available resources:

Climate Change Toolkit for Health Professionals

<https://cape.ca/campaigns/climate-health-policy/climate-change-toolkit-for-health-professionals/>

Powerpoint presentation: Climate Change in Canada - Call to Action

<https://cape.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PPT-Climate-Change-Canada-and-Call-to-Action-CAPE-Workshop-May-2019.pdf>

What it is:

The first link is to the *Climate Change Toolkit for Health Professionals*, a tool for health professionals and students in the health care and public health sectors who want to engage more directly on the issue of climate change as educators with their patients, peers and communities, and/or as advocates for the policies, programs and practices needed to mitigate climate change and/or prepare for climate change in their workplaces and communities. **The second link** is to a powerpoint presentation on climate change. A useful tool to see how scientific information is synthesized to present to an audience with a health sciences background.

Highlights: Canadian focus, perfect resources on which to draw for presentations and actions that establish the link between climate change and health.

2. Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

Resources:

RNAO Federal Election Platform 2019 - A platform for a healthy Canada

https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/RNAO_Platform.pdf

What it is: The platform highlights issues affecting people's health as the country prepares for a federal election on Oct. 21. The platform tool to help nurses to speak out during the election campaign. See section on Environmental Determinants of Health.

RNAO (2015) Taking Action: A toolkit for becoming politically involved

https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/Taking_Action_Political_Action_Toolkit_Final_0.pdf

What it is: The toolkit was developed to support effective political action by providing practical instruction, examples and templates to guide advocacy efforts. The intent of the toolkit is to build capacity in every nurse to feel confident speaking out on issues that matter to them. **Highlights:** Section 8 - Becoming Active in an Election

3. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Available resources:

Global Warming of 1.5oC - Special Report of IPCC

<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/download/>

Global Warming of 1.5oC - Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2018/12/SR15_FAQ_Low_Res.pdf



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What it is: IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.

Highlights: IPCC Special Report is an authoritative source of information on which to ground presentations and advocacy efforts in climate science. The FAQ document provides a synthesized question and answer format of the IPCC report and good source for graphics for use in presentations.

4. Environmental Platform Asks

Where can I find it:

https://environmentaldefence.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/EnvironmentalPlatformAsks_2019Election_FINAL.pdf

What it is: 20 federal party platform recommendations released by leading environmental organizations that address the climate, biodiversity, toxics and waste crises that are harming our country. These recommendations represent the collective priorities of the 14 environmental organizations. Tool to use in engaging politicians.

5. St. Michael's Advocacy Toolkit

Where can I find it: <http://www.stmichaelshospital.com/pdf/programs/family-practice/sdoh-advocacy-toolkit.pdf>

What it is: This toolkit seeks to support medical staff of St. Michael's to participate in social justice advocacy and to provide a brief overview on practical steps for taking action.

Highlights: Focuses on a social determinants of health approach. Toolkit offers some great tips for advocacy (form relationships with the communities you are advocating with and for, and follow their guidance, timing is everything) as well as good suggestions for letter and editorial writing in Appendix A.

6. Community Tool Box from the Center for Community Health and Development at the University of Kansas

Where can I find it: <https://ctb.ku.edu/en/learn-skill>

What it is: It's a free, online resource for those working to build healthier communities and bring about social change. It includes "Learn a Skill" which includes 46 chapters and toolkits based on core competencies for community work. **Highlights:** Chapter 6 - Communication to Promote Interest



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