



FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23

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"Working at the Climate Hub has been my favourite job in the last 7 years because of the collaborative and lateral leadership that was encouraged and thrived. I felt like part of a team of passionate people, all hoping to learn more along the way, energized to present new ideas and bring them to life. It was the most generative space where views and values around climate justice evolved and collaged into tangible action."

– Rohina Dass, Former Climate Hub Project Lead

Year Five Annual Report Committee:

Michelle Xie (Climate Resilience Lead), Charlotte Taylor (Critically Engaged Voices Lead),
Nidhi Sharma (Climate Hub Project Administrator), Meghan Wise (Climate Hub Coordinator)

Land Acknowledgement

Soil, rocks, microbes, roots, minerals, sand, water, mud...Land.

The Climate Hub at UBC, is situated on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh). Indigenous life and thriving amid these lands persists and dates back 20,000+ thousand years, or what we might call deep time or time immemorial.

From the land comes all that is needed and created. Land is the foundation of life. It is the tether to living, thriving, healing, and community building. A tether colonial, capitalist systems continually degrade and lay waste to.

Listening, learning and practicing how to honour and centre Indigenous nations, communities and caretakers of the lands we live, love and learn amid, is a core part of climate work.

Understanding the multifaceted impacts and obligations we hold in the climate work we do is an ongoing practice of exploring how we can respectfully uphold and deepen our accountability to Indigenous rights, land and sovereignty.

In our continued learning, we embrace ways to move from theory to practice in uplifting Indigenous-led calls to action as part of this work. In calling for Land Back, we acknowledge this draws from framings that may assume these lands were relinquished to begin with. As we know, the lands of Turtle Island were never handed over, surrendered or relinquished. These lands have been violently and systematically stolen and occupied, and the myth of terra nullius weaponized to undermine Indigenous sovereignty.

To quote the CBC Land Back podcast episode two, "The province of BC wouldn't acknowledge that we had not given up or ceded our lands, and that we still own them. And we own them the way we own them, not the way they thought they owned land. [...] We own land into perpetuity for the benefit of future generations."

As a reflection on Landback, we offer an excerpt from Grounding Wellness: Coloniality, Placeism, Land, and a Critique of Social Determinants of Indigenous Mental Health in the Canadian Context by Viviane Josewski, Sarah de Leeuw and Margo Greenwood.

"Landback is not a turn of phrase or metaphoric reference. Landback is a literal, material, ground-bound statement, and it is inseparable from the bodies (the human beings, the people) who are calling for it. Landback. Landback. Landback is about health and wellbeing. Landback is embodied.

Landback is felt, lived, and experienced.

Landback is mental and physical and spiritual and emotional survivance and health.

Landback recognises that deterritorialisation, or the forcible removal of Indigenous people from land and territory, has been fundamental to the Euro-colonial project of nation- and state-building; deterritorialisation has had and continues to have resonant and devastating impacts on Indigenous mental health and wellness, which is why it is important for you to take a moment and look toward the earth.

To territory. To territory, which might be stolen and occupied. Toward the ground. Toward the small, the all-too-often overlooked."

Citation:

Josewski V, de Leeuw S, Greenwood M. Grounding Wellness: Coloniality, Placeism, Land, and a Critique of "Social" Determinants of Indigenous Mental Health in the Canadian Context. Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2023 Feb 28;20(5):4319. doi: 10.3390/ijerph20054319. PMID: 36901327; PMCID: PMC10002458.

Five Years at a Glance

Building caring, just, thriving communities requires more than numbers and stats. It takes deep listening, reflecting, consideration, learning and unlearning. Over our five years, Climate Hub has mindfully tracked qualitative and quantitative insight into how our work, organizing, and climate care are rippling out into the world. Here are some highlights.



YCAP

WORKSHOPS: 88
STUDENTS ENGAGED: 2,300+
SCHOOLS REACHED: 40+

2018 - 2023

CTC

PAID STUDENT-LED LECTURES: 55
STUDENTS ENGAGED: 3,050+
DEPARTMENTS ENGAGED: 36

CWEN

RESOURCES CREATED: 35
COMMUNITY ENGAGED: 1200+
WORKSHOPS: 23
DEPARTMENTS REACHED: 20

CJRC

RESEARCH PROJECTS: 19
STUDENTS ENGAGED: 53
PAID STUDENTS JOBS: 17

CSS

EVENTS: 31
PARTNERS: 28
ATTENDEES: 1287

Reflections from Past Team Members



"Centering and adapting to community needs is core to the Climate Hub's work. As a student-created and student-led space, the Climate Hub stays adaptive and responsive to the needs of students and other community members. This type of space is so important supporting climate justice work and the UBC community as a whole!"

—Lea Anderson, former Climate Wellbeing Lead

"Climate Hub has fostered a hope-centred, justice-centred, systems-thinking, action-oriented community that our campus and our world needs in these times. I was welcomed into the Climate Hub community with open arms and am so thankful to have found it as it was a crucial space for me to find community whilst the pandemic hit as a grad student."

— Pablo Beimler, former Climate Academic Lead



Five Years of Gratitude

Care, Community, Justice, Love, Hope, Action.

These are foundational concepts informing Climate Hub work since it bubbled into being through dedicated student voice, organizing and advocacy in 2018 through the joyous and dedicated organizing of students. The ability of students to dream big and the efficacy of collective advocacy have created influential opportunities and capacity for the Climate Hub to plant many seeds of systems, community and individual change over the last 5+ years.

Over the last 5 years, Climate Hub has directly supported student leadership, creativity and organizing to connect with over 15,000 students on climate issues, create 150+ climate-focused student job opportunities and collaborate with more than 100 community partners. Beyond numbers, we have nurtured space for shared trust and vulnerability. We've built relationships with students and youth through sharing climate fears as well as joy and laughter amid the beauty of collaborative organizing for more just communities and futures. Numbers and stats alone can not meaningfully capture this kind of deep, life-affirming climate work. It is this deep work Climate Hub continues to lean into.

Reflecting on our 5th annual report, we see how the most powerful and generative climate work is deeply collaborative, justice-focused and care-based. We also recognize how the scope, scale and impact of our work have been made possible by the groundswells of student organizing and advocacy before us. Building continued solidarities rooted in interdependence, trust, justice and bold, joyous reimagining of futures is carried forward in our work. The beauty and generative nature of five years of relationships and partnerships with students, staff, faculty and community partners is met with deep gratitude and celebration.

As we cast our gaze to the future, we look toward renewing existing partnerships, exploring new relations and deepening community engagement to build collectively thriving futures.

This year we would also like to extend pointed gratitude to the AMS for ongoing rich collaboration and aligned interest in uplifting student-led climate action, the UBC President's office and Santa Ono for gifting the Climate Hub \$75,000 as a parting act of support for student-led climate programming and the Sustainability Hub for an ongoing collaborative partnership.

*In care and solidarity:
The Climate Hub Community*



2022/2023 Media Engagement

Engaging community through media pathways offers important opportunities for knowledge sharing, community building and connecting students to climate and climate justice focused work, workshops, events and programming. Reflecting on our 5th year, we are looking deeper at the qualitative aspects of our media engagement.

FOUR key engagement themes across our social media platforms this past year include:



1 Uplifting Indigenous voices



3 Climate justice knowledge building and education posts



2 Highlighting climate jobs for students



4 Climate care and wellbeing

Media Articles, Interviews, Recordings...Oh My!

- [Eco-Anxiety Keeping You Up at Night? Here's What to Do. Article By Renée Reardin](#)
- [RBC and other fossil funders have no place on our campus](#)
- [Climate Emergency Fund Recipients Share Back: UBC Climate Hub](#)
- [Finding a purpose in climate change reform](#)
- [Climate Emotions Keynote w/ Sarah Jaquette Ray](#)
- [Climate & Collective Liberation Project](#)
- [ReImagining the Future Conference: Shifting the Status Quo | RE17's panel](#)

Media Highlights:



Sharing new community-facing Climate Wellbeing Series translations and resources on how to navigate extreme heat and extreme cold events. 78 posts, 5,061 likes.



20 Tik Tok posts amplifying Indigenous voices exploring rights, climate concerns and knowledge at COP 28.



Hosting an informative and creative climate fiction workshop with Shalini Nanayakkara.

5,061

INSTAGRAM LIKES VIA 78
INSTAGRAM POSTS

6

MEDIA SPOTLIGHTS VIA
NEWS PRINT, RADIO AND
BLOGS.

12

NEWSLETTERS WITH 5032
OPENS AND 441 CLICKS.

Collaborators and Partners

Alma Mater Society of UBC (AMS)
Banking on a Better Future
Be The Change Earth Alliance (BTCEA)
CityHive
City of Vancouver
Climate Emergency Response Team
Climate Justice UBC (CJUBC)
Climate Justice U of T
Dogwood BC
Embark Sustainability Society
Earth and Ocean Science Student Climate Justice Coalition
Fossil Free Research
Independent Schools Association of BC (ISABC)
Morris & Helen Belkin Gallery
MOVE UBC
Mountain Protectors
BC Parks
Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (PWIAS)
Rabbitats Rescue Society
Red Cross
Rootbound Collective
Sierra Club BC
Simon Fraser Community-Engaged Research Initiative (SFU CERi)
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG)
Sustainabiliteens
UBC Botanical Garden
UBC Campus and Community Planning (C+CP)
UBC Campus Vision 2050
UBC Centre for Climate Justice
UBC Centre for Community and Engaged Learning (CCEL)
UBC Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences Department (EOAS)
UBC Geography Department
UBC Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO)
UBC Sustainability Ambassadors
UBC Sustainability Hub
UBC Wellbeing
UBC Wellness Centre
Ubyyssey
University Neighbourhood Association
Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks

Programming and Projects Overview

Climate Hub programming is created by and led by students! The efficacy of our programming is rooted in student awareness of interconnected climate issues and what kinds of climate knowledge, education, and framing students require and are looking for in their classrooms, communities and the world. Each of our unique and innovative programs embeds climate justice as part of program development and engagement. Our programming seeks to advance bold climate action, uplift community rights and dignity and instill deep care and community resilience.

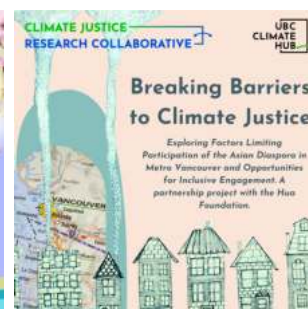
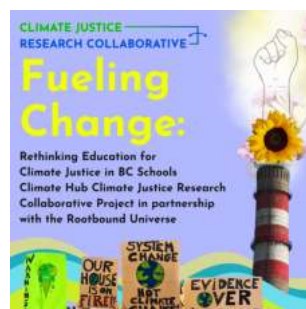
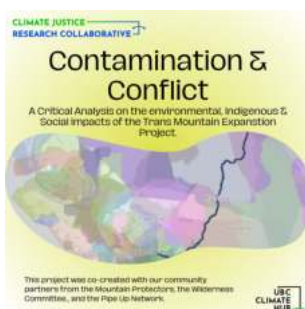
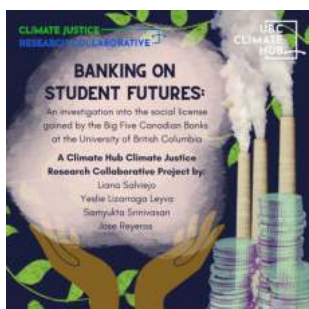
CLIMATE JUSTICE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE

The Climate Justice Research Collaborative (CJRC) initiative fosters collaboration, reflective learning and interdisciplinary climate research. CJRC is a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to engage in self-directed climate justice research projects alongside community partners and earn course credit. CJRC projects aim to support community partners' initiatives in advancing climate justice and holding institutions accountable for their climate actions or inactions. This past year, the CJRC supported five community research projects in collaboration with five community partners, involving 20 undergraduate students.

Students in this year's cohort expressed how CJRC effectively introduced a climate justice-themed research opportunity in a well-rounded manner that ensured students new to research and community partnership work feel supported without being overwhelmed. This approach offers students a more personal and contextual understanding of climate justice, demonstrating its practical implications, limitations and realities.

Check out this year's CJRC reports:

- *Fueling Change: Rethinking Education for Climate Justice in BC Schools.* Community Partner: Rootbound Universe
- *Contamination and Conflict.* Community Partners: Mountain Protectors, Wilderness Committee, Pipe Up
- *Banking on Student Futures.* Community Partner: Banking on a Better Future
- *Breaking Barriers in Climate Justice.* Community Partner: Hua Foundation
- *Weathering Injustice.* Community Partner: Climate Hub



Updates from Complicity in the Climate Emergency Research Team

As part of understanding how Climate Hub programming ripples out into the world, we are always interested in following up on how program outcomes, like that of the Climate Justice Research Collaborative, continue to build action and influence.

The [Complicity in the Climate Emergency report](#) was originally written in 2021/22 by Tova Gaster, Michelle Xie, Anna Brookes, Joshua Emsley, and Husna Zaidi in partnership with Climate Justice UBC! It investigates some of the enduring ties between UBC & the fossil fuel industry via corporate donations, exchanges in human capital, and research funding. Here is a glimpse into what our team has been up to:

Community-Engaged Research & Climate Crisis Symposium | October 2022

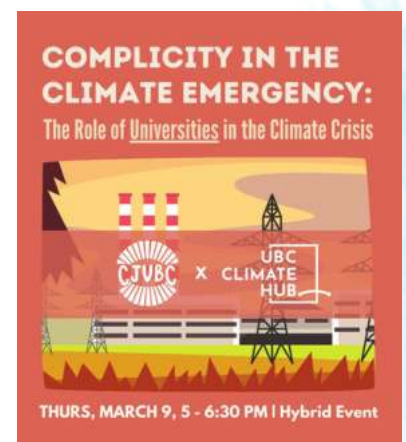
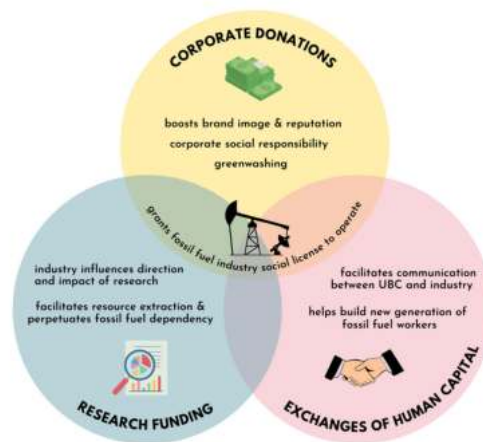
Michelle spoke on a youth-driven research panel about our key findings and the importance of fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, multidirectional learning, creative knowledge translation, and peer mentorship through programs like the CJRC. Check out: [Key Insights & Best Practices for Community-Engaged Research](#) (pg. 23-29)

University of Washington Presentation | October 2022

Our team was generously invited to speak with Professor Danya Al-Saleh's JSIS 478 class at the University of Washington about our research process. Students were studying how universities serve as critical sites of struggle for climate justice and many educational institutions are implicated within histories of colonialism, oppression & dispossession.

Slamposium | February 2023

As a part of UBC's Climate Emergency Week, Tova participated in a night of creative climate communication by sharing key takeaways from our research and providing insight into how affiliations with UBC grant the fossil fuel industry a social license to operate.



Report Launch & Teach-In | March 2023

To celebrate the release of our report, we hosted an event that brought together student organizers & community members to highlight ways of working collaboratively towards institutional accountability, divestment & reinvestment on-campus and beyond! Speakers from the UBC Divestment Coalition, Climate Justice UBC, Fossil Free Research, and EOAS Climate Justice Coalition were invited to share how folks could get involved in emerging / ongoing climate justice initiatives.

Student Organizers at the University of Toronto | July 2022 - Present

In the spirit of knowledge sharing and cross-nation solidarity, we supported Climate Justice U of T (CJUofT) organizers with producing a similar report to ours for their university & expanding the Fossil Free Research movement's presence in so-called Canada! Check out: [Fossil Free Research Teach-In at the University of Toronto's Committee on the Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability](#) (p. 54-55)

Fossil Free Research | November 2022 - Present

Following the completion of our research, we joined [Fossil Free Research](#), an international coalition of students & organizing groups committed to dismantling the influence of Big Oil in higher education. To build on growing momentum and share our research findings with the broader UBC community, Tova & Michelle published a piece in *The Ubyyssey* titled: [Fossil fuel-funded research compromises climate action. It's time for UBC to reject it.](#)

CLIMATE TEACHING CONNECTOR



The Climate Teaching Connector (CTC) is a visionary and unique student-created and led climate education model that can flexibly integrate climate-related content into undergraduate classes by connecting UBC course instructors with climate change and climate justice graduate student experts from the UBC community.

The CTC program creates an important bridge for UBC students looking for more climate focused content in their courses amid ongoing gaps in institutional mobilization of climate-informed curriculum. The CTC also offers meaningful climate job opportunities for graduate students and nurtures chances for new relationships and networks for more cross-department collaboration on issues of climate change rooted in principles of climate justice.

This year CTC also mobilized beyond UBC to partner with Eastside Works for a Lunch and Learn workshop session with Downtown Eastside (DTES) community members to engage in a community-focused climate dialogue.



Engagement at a Glance

25

Lectures

1525

Students engaged

16

Departments reached

20

Student work opportunities

YOUTH CLIMATE AMBASSADORS PROJECT

Since 2018, YCAP has continued to uplift students by creating a space for peer-to-peer conversations about climate emotions and experiences that centre hope and agency in an era of doomism and delay. Through the power of storytelling, students explored core themes of climate (in)justice, intersectionality, climate education, and community connections through shared feelings, values, and experiences.

In 2022/23, YCAP facilitators achieved tremendous reach and impact, delivering 48 workshops to 945+ students! Using in-person, virtual and hybrid models, we engaged with community groups like the Collingwood Neighbourhood House's Peer 2 Peer Program, North Shore Restorative Justice Society, Vancouver Outdoor School's World Bound program, EcoSchools Canada's Youth Advisory Committee and VPL Teen Summer Challenge Program.

We were grateful to share space and learn alongside various school classrooms and clubs from School Districts 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 44, and 73 in Delta, Surrey, Richmond, Vancouver, Burnaby, North Vancouver, and Kamloops. We also joined Learning for a Sustainable Future's BC Youth Forum, where 112 passionate students from 21 schools participated in various workshops, including YCAP. Workshops were also held at UBC and at alternative education programs like Stratford Hall and Four Directions Secondary.

In our fourth year of offering YCAP workshops, we expanded upon certain components to better reflect the changing landscape of climate (in)justice and incorporate feedback from past participants. A Climate Action Venn Diagram activity was integrated to support youth in figuring out how they can find their place in the climate movement by identifying personal interests and skills. We also created a resource document that compiles key climate/social justice groups around Metro Vancouver with current opportunities for getting involved in community via volunteering, organizing, or project participation!

Engagement at a Glance

48

Workshops

945+

Students engaged

6

Community partners

20

Schools engaged



YOUTH CLIMATE - - - - - AMBASSADORS PROJECT - - -

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Sustainability Ambassadors Collaboration

6 undergraduate students from the Climate Resilient Communities cohort of the UBC Sustainability Ambassadors program were trained to become YCAP facilitators as one of their community engagement opportunities!

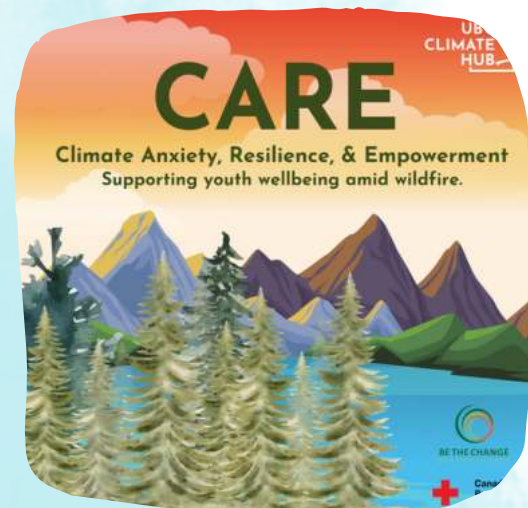
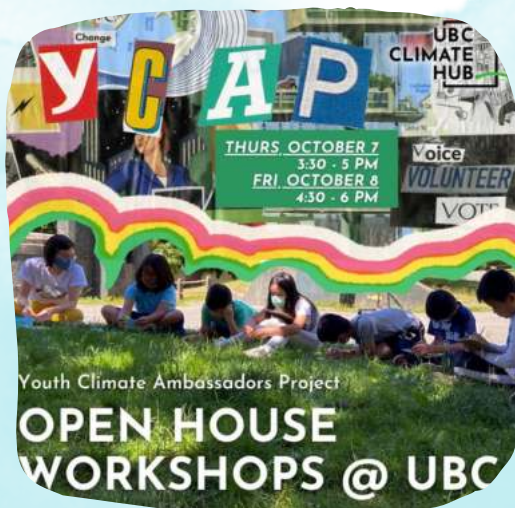
Byng Secondary Careers 8

YCAP workshops became part of a new curriculum for all Career 8 students at Byng Secondary, which involved a 3-week unit on climate action and sustainability! Students used what they learned to write letters to governments and companies about climate action and practiced being involved and vocal citizens.

Red Cross Partnership

In 2022, Climate Hub and [Be The Change Earth Alliance](#) partnered with the Canadian Red cross to reimagine the YCAP workshop model to develop a Climate Anxiety Resilience Education (CARE) workshop model to support youth and students in central BC impacted by the 2017 wildfires. The Climate Hub YCAP Lead and YCAP Activator have been working collaboratively with our community partners and have created a new workshop pilot that explores climate emotions through trauma informed pedagogies via a collaboration with Good Grief Network (GGN), peer-to-peer modelling and the power of storytelling. The Climate Hub's YCAP and CARE Leads are also working on climate care resources that support youth who have experienced the impacts of wildfires in their communities.

The CARE workshops and resources are being piloted with youth in central BC communities over the 2023 summer and fall. After the pilot wraps up, there is interest in exploring how to bring these workshops and resources to more climate impacted communities across BC and beyond.



CLIMATE WELLBEING

At the Climate Hub, we believe in the power of recentring hope and action amidst the increasing prevalence of rightful climate distress among youth and adults alike. Since the student-led creation of the Climate Wellbeing Engagement Network (CWEN) in 2020, we continue to create and disseminate climate distress and wellbeing workshops, resources, community engagement, research and learning opportunities. CWEN is also continually exploring what it means to reframe notions of climate wellbeing in the face of systemic oppression and injustices.

Our work through this initiative is an effort to move away from capitalist notions of toxic positivity and individualistic self-care to focus on interdependence, collective care, action and accountability.

Over this past year, CWEN expanded our [Climate Wellbeing Series](#) with new resources to support community as we experience growing and inequitable climate impacts.

We also translated existing resources into 4 languages by creating paid opportunities for students to lead resource translations. Check out our [Climate Wellbeing Linktree](#) for the latest translations.

The CWEN program is thankful for rich collaborations with the following partners this year to explore and support themes of climate distress, grief, trauma, care, resilience, climate doomism and messy hope.

- BC Parks
- Be The Change Earth Alliance
- Canadian Red Cross
- Independent Schools Association of British Columbia
- Pacific Institute of Climate Solutions
- Sustainability Ambassadors
- UBC Geography Climate Action Committee
- UBC Sustainability Hub
- UBC Math and Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences
- UBC Emergency Preparedness
- University Neighbourhoods Association

Engagement at a Glance

10

Workshops

270+

Community members engaged

11

Community partners

14

New CWEN resources

New CWEN Resources

- [How to Stay Cool in Extreme Heat](#)
- [Preparing for Extreme Cold](#)
- [Climate Doom to Messy Hope Handbook](#)
- Systems Change, Not Climate Change Pocket Advocacy Zine





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CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The language of “resilience” has often been wielded against marginalized communities as a way of praising survival under unrelenting injustices; it carries the harmful implication that systems of oppression are something to be overcome rather than dismantled. In an effort to redefine resilience, Climate Hub sponsored the Climate Resilient Communities cohort of the Sustainability Ambassadors Program, which was led by Michelle Xie. Through rich collaboration and knowledge sharing, the cohort built capacity around core themes of community care, accessible climate communication, collective wellbeing, and community interventions for climate mitigation & adaptation. These are the projects that were dreamt into being:

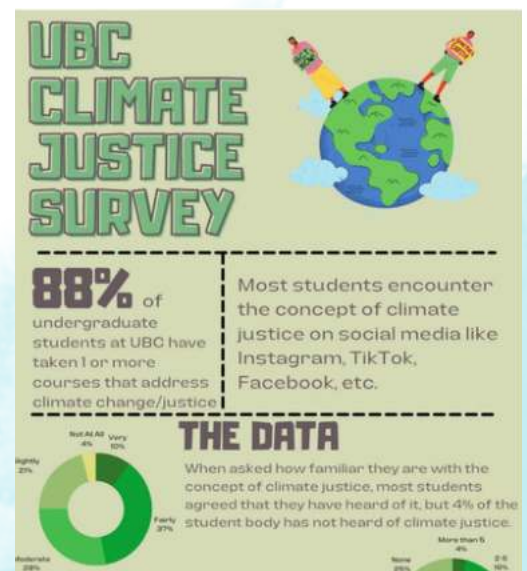
Climate & Collective Liberation Project

The [Climate & Collective Liberation Project](#) is an informal community coalition and digital resource hub that spotlights local leaders through the power of storytelling to bridge the many connections between climate and social justice movements. Ambassadors took a multimedia approach that draws upon lived experiences to create a climate resilience podcast episode about climate and migrant justice; redesign and expand the project’s website; and include content on topics like economic justice and food sovereignty.

Students received radio training from CiTR 101.9 FM to use their facilities and record conversations with Leila Darwish, Resilience and Disaster Reduction Specialist for the City of Vancouver on the issues faced by local migrant farmworkers and Ian Marcuse, a coordinator from the Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Network on the intersections between food justice and community resilience. Check out: [Sustainability Hub Blog Feature](#)

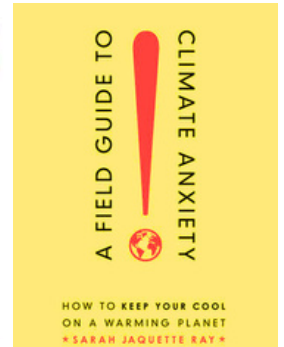
Climate Justice Survey

During Climate Emergency week, Ambassadors mobilized a survey to gauge UBC undergraduate students’ current exposure to climate education and knowledge surrounding climate justice. A specific focus was brought to Sauder and Applied Science students because their curricula tend to focus on technocratic climate solutions. ~400 responses were collected and data was synthesized into an [infographic](#). Results will be used to identify pathways for engagement and learning opportunities like curricula development and climate justice programming on campus.



Building Climate Resilient Communities Workshop

This workshop covered how we can build community infrastructure for responding to the climate crisis by highlighting approaches to climate resilience that ranged from mutual aid and nature-based solutions, to bold climate policy and solidarity economies. Participants were given the chance to identify climate resilience projects on a local and global scale through a case study activity. Ambassadors delivered this workshop twice during Climate Emergency Week to 27 participants!



Dialogue from the Margins

In partnership with the UBC Wellness Centre and UBC Equity & Inclusion Office, Dialogue from the Margins aimed to nurture a greater sense of connection between racialized students at UBC by holding space for meaningful conversations around identity, climate resilience, and wellbeing. A [keynote speaker event featuring Sarah Jaquette Ray](#) was hosted virtually during SDG week to touch on the role of climate emotions in building more just futures. The dialogue following this webinar allowed participants to explore ideas from Dr. Ray's existential toolkit like how we can resist urgency, work towards relationships instead of righteousness, and feed what we want to grow.

CRITICALLY ENGAGED VOICES



In advance of the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27), the Climate Hub @ UBC and the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (PWIAS) collaborated on a project to highlight and amplify the work of Indigenous and critically-engaged climate justice advocates. This coming year, the Critically-Engaged Voices (CEV) project will be further expanded via the interdisciplinary CEV research collaborative, which will center on critically informed, complexity-grounded, contextually relevant, and socially and ecologically accountable approaches to systems change. Specifically, the collaborative will explore themes of "Critically Engaged Frameworks for Organizational Change" and "Academic Activism and Creative Interventions in Climate Justice Research and Scholarship".

Settler Responsibility: A Forest Walk

Following the UBC Sustainability Hub COP27 livestream, two fellows of the Peter Wall Climate and Nature Emergency Catalyst Program (Azul Duque and Charlotte Taylor) facilitated a guided forest walk: an embodied practice to sensorially tap into our responsibilities as settlers on unceded lands through artistic methodologies.

The framework for this guided forest walk has been made available for asynchronous review:



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Settler Responsibility: A Forest Walk



Critically-Engaged Voices at COP27

The UBC Climate Hub and PWIAS partnered to document voices of Indigenous and critically-engaged activists at COP27. These videos are filmed by Indigenous youth communicator, Isaka Huni Kui, one of the COP27 delegates representing the Huni Kui Indigenous peoples of the Amazon in Brazil, and this delegation was led by Chief Ninawa Huni Kui, Wall International Indigenous Scholar at UBC.

Critically-Engaged Indigenous Voices at COP27

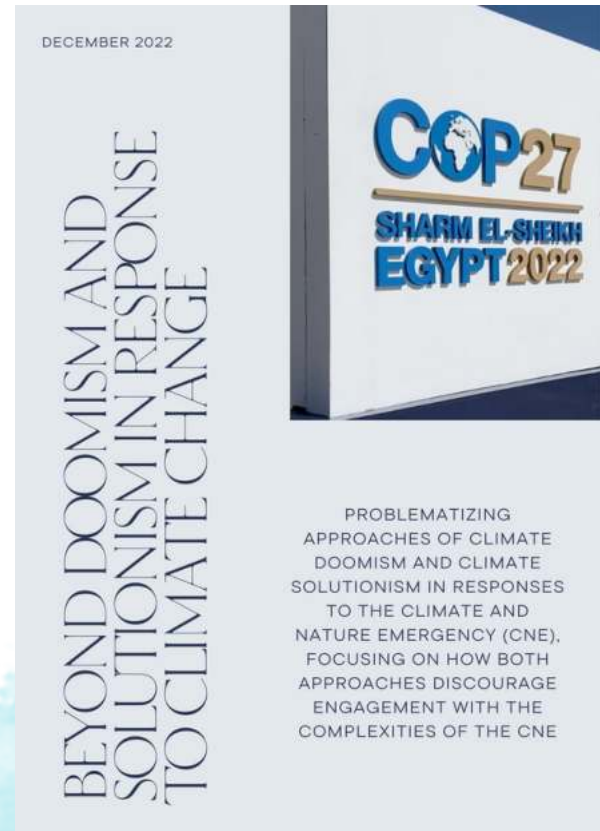


COP27 Debrief Panel: Beyond Doomism and Solutionism in Response to Climate Change

The Critically-Engaged Voices programming for COP27 culminated in a discussion based on the University Affairs OpED: Beyond doomism and solutionism in response to climate change.

This panel highlights the experiences of Indigenous and racialized UBC delegates at COP27 and problematizes the approaches of climate doomism and climate solutionism in responses to the climate and nature emergency (CNE) focusing on how both approaches discourage engagement with the complexities of CNE.

Panelists: Dr. Vanessa Andreotti, Dr. Pasang Yangjee Sherpa, Dr. Shannon Waters, Dr. Sharon Stein (Chair) and Charlotte Taylor (student coordinator)



📺 COP27 Debrief – Beyond Doomism and Solutionism in Response to Climate Change (16.12.2022)

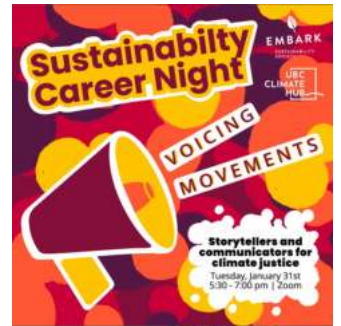


CLIMATE SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE

The Climate Solutions Showcase (CSS) is a student-driven, solutions-focused initiative providing a platform for meaningful exploration and discourse among students, researchers and staff at UBC and the broader community rooted in climate justice. Our year four events explored climate grief, storytelling, activism, advocacy, action, agency and hope to uplift bold climate action and community organizing.

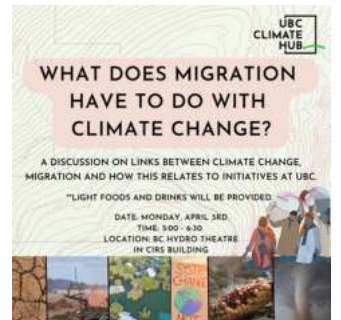
Embark Series: Voicing Movements:

For the third consecutive year, the UBC Climate Hub partnered with Embark Sustainability Society to learn from creative climate communicators and embrace frameworks for advancing sustainability, equity, and well-being in our communities. Each speaker presented their individual career journeys and provided recommendations for professional advancement within their chosen fields. Guest Speakers Romila Barryman (Massy Books, Massy Arts Society), Chúk Odenigbo (Future Ancestors) and Nayeli Jiminez (Leadnow).



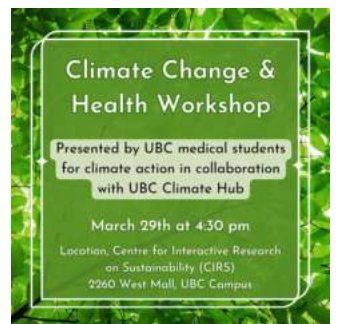
Climate Migrant Panel

On April 3rd, Climate Hub's Climate Academic Lead held space for a discussion panel with UBC students, faculty and organizers to explore climate rights gaps and discuss climate migrant work and student organizing at UBC. The panel shared lived experiences and the emotions that accompany working on such a complicated and human rights debasing issue. It was a powerfully vulnerable and generous discussion amid an intimate and attentive audience of 30.



Climate Change and Health Workshop

This event was facilitated by a group of UBC Medical Students passionate about highlighting intersections between climate change, the health of our planet and communities.



Climate Fiction Workshop

Shalini Nanayakkara, a writer, academic, and visual artist, presented an approach to crafting climate science-fiction/fantasy novels. The session explored evoking emotions and action in readers, genre considerations and voices in narratives. The advice was to embody themes through the characters' choices rather than resorting to didactic approaches. You can also check out Shalini's workshop [here](#) or their reflections in this [blog post](#) on our website.



Climate Creatives Collective (CCC) Workshops

Forest Walk

Building relationships with nature and land is key to understanding climate impacts. This Climate Creatives Collaborative event offered a 2-hour guided session by trained and certified forest therapy guide, Tara Brown. The walk engaged all the senses to immerse attendees in the mossy coniferous forest of Pacific Spirit Park located on the unceded lands of the After the guided experience, we'll gather for tea and snacks, offering you space to reflect on your experience while connecting with other participants. Forest Bathing is a powerful practice for cultivating mindfulness, reducing stress, and fostering a deeper connection with the natural world.

Beauty Workshops

Climate Hub Community Garden

This past year, with support from student staff, community partners and volunteers, Climate Hub brought a community garden into being. The intention for this garden space is to create meaningful opportunities for students and community to foster restorative relationships between land, people and other species, from beans and bugs to bees and thimbleberry.

This garden project is collaborative in nature and partners with Home Grown Climate Justice, led by Alexandra Thomas, which pairs studies of physical health in connection with environmental health and Indigenous ecological knowledge to mitigate urban heat island effects on the Downtown Eastside (DTES). The Home Grown Climate Justice project activates Indigenous knowledge to facilitate climate justice and Indigenous human rights advancement by committing to re-greening areas of the DTES in alignment with Indigenous ways of knowing.



Partner Events & Engagement

UBC Climate Emergency Week

The Climate Hub partnered with the AMS, Sustainability Hub, Climate Emergency Response Unit, and other campus groups/organizations to celebrate #UBCClimateLove, build climate emergency awareness and to advance calls for UBC to uplift bold climate action and leadership. Collaborative events, hosted in part by the UBC Climate Hub, included a Divestment and Reinvestment workshop, a guided walk through False Creek, and a community care/love-based Slamposium and lighting up Money Lee Square with Climate art and climate-justice messaging.

For a comprehensive overview of Climate Emergency Week programming, visit the UBC Sustainability Hub event schedule: <https://sustain.ubc.ca/climate-emergency-week>

To view recorded events and other resources from this year's programming, visit the UBC Climate Emergency Response website: <https://climateemergency.ubc.ca/ubc-climate-emergency-week/>



Slamposium

Combining elements of slam poetry and symposium vibes, the Climate Slamposium invited student researchers, activists, artists, and others engaging in climate justice to share their work in fun and creative ways. This is an opportunity to showcase, explore and uplift the climate grief, love, activism, advocacy, hope and voice of student leaders and storytellers at UBC.

To hear more about the Slamposium presentations, listen to coverage of the event starting at 48:08: [CBC What on Earth podcast with Laura Lynch](#)



Divestment and Reinvestment Workshop

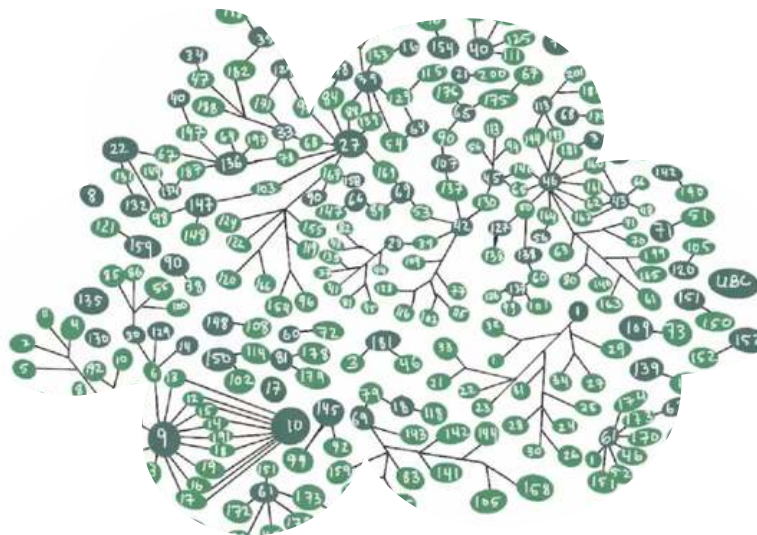
This workshop was developed and facilitated in collaboration with [Climate Justice UBC](#) and [Banking on a Better Future](#) to envision the possibilities for a just transition away from extractive economies and towards regenerative ways of being. Climate Justice UBC's [story of divestment](#) and ongoing [community reinvestment campaign](#) were showcased as examples of what radical, student-driven climate organizing can achieve! Participants identified how the forces of fossil capital manifest in their everyday lives and brainstormed ways we can divest from these extractive relations to each other, non-human kin, and the planet. Check out: [Divestment & Reinvestment Workshop Slides](#)



False Creek Climate Walking Tour

A 4km guided walking tour around South False Creek was co-organized with the Sustainability Ambassadors Program using methods of place-based education to learn about urban resilience, local biodiversity, and municipal climate policy! Throughout the afternoon, attendees were encouraged to form deeper community connections rooted in dialogue, place, identity, and climate justice. Check out: [Self-Guided Tour Map](#)





Climate Asset Map

The UBC Climate Asset Map is a living, interactive database of key groups, projects, and individuals leading on climate at UBC's Vancouver Campus. Its driving purpose is to help users connect to and navigate climate-focused initiatives to build an even more collaborative, interactive, interdisciplinary and actively impactful climate community at UBC.

The project has received ongoing support from partners throughout the UBC community since it began in 2018, including UBC Code The Change, Centre for Climate Justice, and the Sustainability Hub.

September, 2022 marked a time of renewal for the Map. Since then, the Map has migrated from a prototype iteration hosted on the Climate Hub website, courtesy of UBC Code The Change, to a new platform called Kumu where it continues to grow. In November of 2022, the Asset Map partnered with the Simon K. Y. Lee Global Lounge and Resource Centre for their Climate Community Connector event, where members of the Climate Hub were able to showcase the new Map to the student community for the first time.

Today, 110 groups, 90 individuals, and 80 projects live on the Asset Map, forming a total of 225 connections between them. Curating the Map and its data, as well as continuing to implement community-focused features, would not be possible without the support of dedicated groups and volunteers. The Asset Map continues to expand with outreach meetings being held throughout Summer 2023 and current and upcoming feedback surveys made available to the UBC community.

PWIAS Climate and Nature Emergency Catalyst Fellowship (Undergraduate Cohort) & Facing Human Wrongs Course

From September 2022 to May 2023, the UBC Climate Hub partnered with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (PWIAS) to host the undergraduate student cohort of the Climate and Nature Emergency Wall Catalyst program.

The Climate and Nature Emergency Catalyst program connects scholars, students, artists, disciplines, sectors and communities to explore some of the complexities of our current climate crisis. The fellowship program provided students with an opportunity to dig deeper and relate wider to the Climate and Nature Emergency.

Over the course of this year, ten selected fellows:

- Participated in "Facing Human Wrongs," a course which focuses on navigating the complexities of social and global change
- Designed artistic and educational projects to address the climate and nature emergency, supported by a small funding package
- Attended a series of working sessions with community members and fellow cohort members, scholars, artists and climate leaders, hosted at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies

To read more about the undergraduate cohort and final outcomes of the 2022/23 Climate and Nature Emergency Catalyst program, read the [PWIAS program overview](#) and the [Moving with Storms \(not your typical\) Report](#)



Program Participants: Josianne Assignon, Sagorika Haque, Harper Johnston, Preet Kang, Kajal Mishra, Jacob Power, José Reyeros Sánchez, Jack Suchadolski, Charlotte Taylor, and Jennie Zhou.

Led by: **Josianne Assignon**

Led by: **José Reyes Sánchez**

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asha ; a transnational arts, education, research, & community organizing collective

Led by: **Sagorika Haque** and **Jennie Zhou**

Asha is a transnational arts and research collective developing local, global embodied knowledges based interventions through community organizing and multimedia social justice educational programming by, for, and with peoples who have experienced racialized and gendered oppression. We aim to be an open source multidisciplinary network of ecosystem of documentation around marginalized histories and futures that aim to uplift, celebrate, and mourn the urgent intersections of land, memory, climate crisis, and collective storytelling to foster senses of agency and belonging through community.

The UBC Journal for Climate Justice

Led by: **Jack Suchadolski**

The UBC Journal for Climate Justice (JCJ) aims to publish research-based and creative insights into climate justice at the intersection of art, activism, and academics.



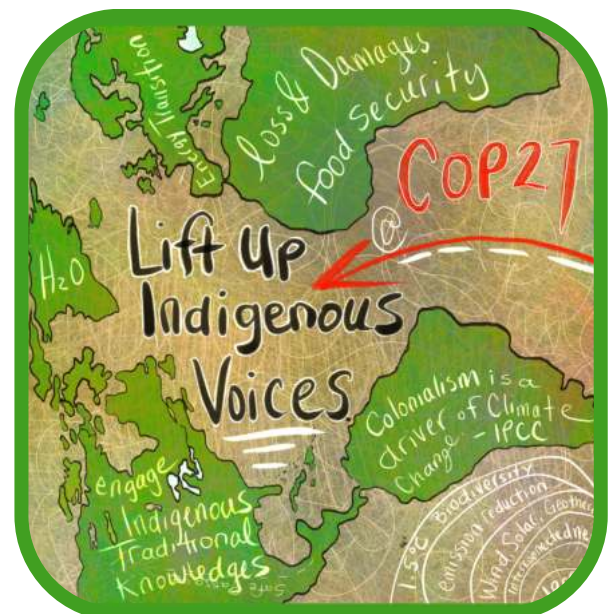
Through regular publications and collaborations, featuring academic and creative work within climate justice, the JCJ will bridge disciplinary divides within UBC and encourage collaborative work that extends to broader communities (eg: artists, policymakers and analysts, activists, educators, journalists, etc.) This platform will share the collective efforts of students (from the undergraduate to postgraduate level), recent graduates, professionals, and community members with an interest in climate justice.

The Critically-Engaged Voices Research Collaborative

Led by: **Charlotte Taylor**

Charlotte Taylor will collaborate with Camilla Cardoso (Researcher, Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures) and Dr. Pasang Sherpa (Wall Scholar and Assistant Professor of Lifeways in Indigenous Asia) to mobilize the 'Critically Engaged Voices' interdisciplinary research collaborative project.

Through this research collaborative, Dr. Pasang Sherpa, Camilla Cardoso, and Charlotte Taylor will advance vital discussions of critically-engaged frameworks for organizational change, story/research curation, and activism.



Dreaming into the Future

Holding space for creative reimagining of what is possible is a rich and important part of climate work that we value at the Climate Hub. As we reflect back on the creation of the Climate Hub and what we have mobilized and accomplished over five years, we see beautiful threads collectively woven into a rich, intricate and inspiring tapestry with and by community. We see a bigger, tangible picture emerging out of this work.

We see deep care, love, gentleness, kindness, solidarity, shared vulnerability, nurturing of trust, collective leadership and a deepening of intersectional dignity and justice. We see mindful, intentional resistance and rejection of status quo colonial violence, and we see youth and students dreaming big beautiful ideas and practicing new, remembered and loving ways of being in the world.

We hear calls for “systems change, not climate change” from youth activism and advocacy in the streets. Seeking system change is critical and spotlights a need for deeper community and societal shifts that address the root causes of climate breakdown and impact. Addressing colonialism, capitalism, neoliberalism and white supremacy, for example, means addressing how we fundamentally build relationships with the planet, land and each other in intentionally just and care-based practices.

We are aware that systems change also requires dreaming big. Systems are dreamt into being over time. We can dream new dreams and imagine new systems while also standing in solidarity with Indigenous-led wisdom and visions for thriving futures and generations yet to come.

At the Climate Hub, we are dreaming of just, thriving, abundant futures for all beings, land, air, water and soil. We are looking to each other and the community to share the practice of weaving threads of change together to bring big, beautiful dreams into focus and being. In the years to come, Climate Hub is dreaming of centring student voice, climate justice and climate action with renewed intention and rigour through our programming and organizational ethos.

Building out Climate Hub's governance and accountability model to ensure ongoing commitment to uplifting student voice, advocacy and activism.

Continued support and advocacy for divestment and just reinvestment practices at UBC that align with needed climate targets.

Expanding joyful, experiential student engagement platforms and opportunities to build student climate awareness and interest in climate mobilization through student's skills and passions.

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