



Hello! Here is our March update of actions and events happening in Ottawa. Thank you for your interest in advocacy for a safe climate future for our kids. Our work is having an impact!

1) **(Thank you)x2**: Your letters to your MPs to support the act to develop an environmental racism policy for Canada worked! The bill was passed in the House of Commons and is now at the standing committee. We will be working on a submission letter over the next few weeks. And we just heard that the City of Ottawa will be turning off the 2017 Cauldron flame one month early because it heard from you! Thank you for letters to councillors and the mayor - it worked! your passion and energy made this victory happen!

2) Social [Join our March Welcome Session on Wednesday March 31st at 7:30](#) If you are new to our group, want to meet other members of our community, or want to learn how to get more involved in the planning or leading of events our welcome sessions are always fun and inspiring; they can help recharge our passions and are a great way for parents to learn more about what we do, so invite your friends and family!

3) Learn: **Doughnut Economics**. FOK O/G is happy to cosponsor this event by Ecology Ottawa that is happening [March 31 at 12 pm](#). Doughnut Economics presents a better way to put our planet's health and people at the heart of any strategic development plan. Learn how it could work for Ottawa

4) Save the date for April: **Earth Day & Ottawa's Climate Emergency Anniversary**

April 22 is Earth Day (one of our favourite days) and April 24th is the city of Ottawa's anniversary on declaring w climate emergency. Stayed tuned as we

will be working on simple and targeted actions for these events to let the city know that a declaration of emergency needs to be followed by action (there needs to be urgency in a climate emergency). We hope to be working in close partnership with Ecology Ottawa on this.

5) Learn: **Land Use 101**

On April 27th, FOK O/G is hosting a lunch and learn with one of our members, Claire LeMay, on city planning. Save the date. We will be accepting registrations soon! (Or you can [email](#) us to pre-register). Here's a brief summary: This session will provide an overview of the land use planning and development approvals process in Ontario, with a focus on the Ottawa area. Claire will touch on ways individuals and community groups can get involved and push for changes to policy. Q&A session after a brief presentation.

6) Action: **Help us strengthen Bill C12 Canada's Net Zero (Climate accountability act) Bill C-12 Canada's**. We need this Bill to be scheduled for debate at the House of Commons. Contact your MP (again!) and ask them to work together with their fellow MPs to get this bill passed and sent to committee. We know that we have set the stage to be able to strengthen it at the standing committee because FOK groups across Canada have met with almost EVERY SINGLE MEMBER of the standing committee (This is impressive - a truly national approach). We have this [new letter](#) you can send to explain the urgency (which is a key paragraph for the Liberals). We are encouraging members to include the following image with their email (and to tweet/instagram/Facebook share this image).

Not quite sure about the all the fuss about C-12. ([read more here](#))



What if you had 10 years to save their future?

Guess what? You do. So make Bill C-12 the act it needs to be.

- Stronger target for 2030: a 50% reduction in GHG emissions
- More transparency, accountability, and a 2025 milestone to ensure we're on track
- Meaningful collaboration with provinces, Indigenous peoples and all citizens

Craft a climate law that's best for all our kids.

FOR OUR KIDS

Things to listen to: A matter of degrees podcast A simple to understand podcast for the “climate curious” <https://www.degreespod.com>

Good news story: Ecojustice is backing these courageous youth from Ontario who are taking in Doug Ford. province’s climate laws and violating their Charter rights to life, liberty, and security of the person.

They say a safe climate and healthy environment are the very basis of the long, full lives they intend to lead. And they’re not going to let anyone steal their futures and get away with it. <https://www.ecojustice.ca/gen-climate-action-our-biggest-climate-lawsuit-yet/>

Did you know FOK Ottawa / Gatineau is 1 yrs old? We launched last year with a kitchen party / playgroup party at Marianne's house and haven't looked back!

Invite others to join us. If you like our approach and our projects, please help make our impact stronger by forwarding this message to another parent or grandparent. They can also sign up for our monthly newsletters [here](#).

Marianne,

For our Kids Ottawa/Gatineau.

Visit us on the website: https://www.forourkids.ca/ottawa_gatineau

Join our Facebook group: [For Our Kids/Parents for the Planet Action Group](#)