

Our 10 Core Principles

Sustainability This is really the heart of British Columbia's Green Party thinking. We must consider the welfare of our descendants, for at least seven generations, if we are to be wise stewards of the earth.

Social Justice The worldwide increase in poverty and inequity is unacceptable. All must be able to fulfill their potential regardless of gender, race, citizenship, or sexual identity.

Grass Roots Democracy Every human being deserves a say in the decisions that affect their lives and not be subject to the will of another. We will work to increase public participation at every level by directly including citizens in decision-making processes.

Non-Violence We all know in this complicated world there are times when we may be called to arms, but we will maintain that violence is almost always self-defeating, and always the very, very last choice. We must work to end war, and eliminate the root causes of crime.

Community Based Economy Rather than people being subservient to the economy, the economy should provide for human needs within the natural limits of the earth. Local self-reliance to the greatest practical extent is the best way to achieve this goal.

Gender Equality The ethics of cooperation and understanding must replace the values of domination and control.

Diversity We celebrate the biological diversity of the earth and the cultural, sexual, and spiritual diversity of the human race.

Decentralization The people most affected by a problem must have the authority to solve it. Distant administrations cannot be responsive. Power must be returned to local communities.

Personal and Global Responsibility Global sustainability and international justice can only be achieved when responsibility is shared at all levels of society.

Ecological Wisdom The earth sustains all life forms. Whatever we do to the earth we do to ourselves.