



Dear Our Task Supporter,

As we are approaching the end of this year and are getting ready for Christmas and the New Year, we would like to thank you for all you do to help us continuing to work diligently with the young adults of Our Task to develop a roadmap for a sustainable future. It was an exciting year for Our Task and we could not have done it without your support.

Thank you!

Our Task Team

Good news

Commitments of \$2.6 trillion Investment Funds to pull out of Fossil Fuels by Harsh Shukla



In the movement to counter climate change, the classic saying “actions speak louder than words” is essential. Luckily, actions are what we are starting to see.

In the previous year or so, many individuals and institutions have begun pulling out large sums of investment money out of fossil fuel companies, according to a study by Arabella Advisors¹. Between these individuals and institutions, approximately \$2.6 trillion worth of investments has been committed to being pulled from coal & oil thus far this year and reinvested into cleaner energy sources, such as solar.

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Spotlight

The Young Voices For The Planet - Films



You can watch the Young Voice for the Planet films at:

<http://www.youngvoicesonclimatechange.com>

The Young Voices for the Planet (YVFP) films, produced by Lynne Cherry of Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC), take a fundamentally different approach than other climate education efforts by documenting and communicating the role youth ages 9-19 are playing in helping solve the climate crisis. The young people in the YCFP films find creative win-win solutions to reduce the carbon footprint of their homes and schools and engage parents administrators, local governments, and communities.

The common belief has been that if people understood the severity of the problem they would act. However many educators, communicators and government agencies are now realizing that messages of gloom and doom elicit reactions of fear and hopelessness. However, messages that focuses on positive success stories inspire people to engage and act.

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Ugly Animals

by Dana Ek



Almost everyone has heard of at least one animal listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as an Endangered Species. There are many famous species in their ranks, ones we have recited since elementary school; the Siberian Tiger, the Giant Panda, the African Elephant, etc. These iconic animals are favorites of people all over the world. But how many species, out of all the birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, fish and more, actually make up this list of endangered species? I was idly curious, so I went on a research spree. I was shocked at what I found. Over two thousand species make up the list under the Endangered Species Act. As I scrolled through, most of the names were unfamiliar. More research led me to a site that inspired thoughtful critique of our society, one I wanted to share. It is called “Ugly Animal Preservation Society.”

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From the Blog

Air Pollution

by Jessica Smith

Air pollution may well be your cause of death someday. According to the World Health Organization, [7 million people died of air pollution in 2012](#). By this reckoning, air pollution caused no less than an eighth of all human deaths that year. The WHO also predicts that deaths from outdoor air pollution will rise from somewhat more than 3 million a year now to 6.6 million a year in 2050, a rate that exceeds the U.S. Census Bureau's [projections](#) for global population growth. This is in spite of all the technologies that we assume are making our world a cleaner, safer place.

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New volunteers

Please join us in welcoming our newest volunteers!

Martin Mwebesa, Development Coordinator; **Neeraja Podugu**, Collaborations Coordinator; **Priya Roy**, Conference Coordinator; **Ronald Bjorkland**, Mentor; and the following Researchers for the Global 2100 Project: **Karena Law**, **Alexandra Chevalier**, and **Beeta Ehdaie**.

We are excited to work with such dedicated people!

At last

Global 2100 Project

Our Task is still looking for more enthusiastic volunteers who can contribute to the research and the "Youth Plan B." If you're interested, please contact us at ourtask@ourtask.org.

Global 2100 Project is a huge project. So far, we raised 9% of our \$10,000 goal. Please help by opening our [CrowdRise proposal](#) and making your personal contribution, and by sharing it with your family and network of friends! Follow project updates on the [Global 2100 Facebook page](#).

Thank you for making a difference to these young people and the future of our planet!

