



Volunteer at Fairlawn with **FAIRLAWN GREEN ACTION**

Who we are

Our inspiration: To live with respect in Creation

Our vision: Fairlawn is a green community that leads by example, is a voice to educate ourselves and others to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at church, at home, in the community and in our workplaces. Fairlawn Green Action strives for an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on this planet.



Our mandate of Fairlawn Green Action is to raise awareness, educate and promote action to help us become better stewards of the Earth, as part of Faith in Action; to live every day in a way that respects the interdependence we have on the Earth and its web of life.

What we do

- **Raise awareness** – A Green Team was created at Fairlawn in 2006 called *Fairlawn Green Action* to raise awareness and take action against rising greenhouse gas emissions. Since then we have expanded our presence in the Fairlawn community, and contribute to green action in the broader Toronto community.
- **Worship Services** – Earth Day Service, Week of Action on Poverty and Climate Change, Guest preachers such as Alanna Mitchell and Lynn McDonald
- **Green tips** – shared with the community
- **Workshops** – End Oil Aid, Climate Change 101, "Sisters on the Planet" film, Carbon tax vs. Cap & Trade
- **Events** – Earth Hour Lights-out Walk, Clean up Day, Tree planting, Earth Angels' Gardening Day, Letter writing, History Bike Tour of the neighbourhood
- **Networking** – Green Awakening Network, Greening Sacred Spaces, Live Green Toronto, Eco-Action, Transition Toronto, Toronto Green Community,
- **Children, Youth and Family** – Tree planting, Clean-up Day, Children's Time skits, Sunday School module

Join Fairlawn Green Action: Have fun and make a difference with friends!

What's in it for you?

- Knowing it's better to act than not to act in the face of a crisis
- Joining millions of others around the world working for a just & sustainable home: our Earth
- Spiritual connection with God and the universe: your world
- The joy of doing something really important in your life with people of like mind
- Being a responsible citizen
- The satisfaction of knowing you did your bit
- Preserving the beauty of our planet and the diversity of life on Earth

Why join with us?

- You care about your family, the future and the world you are passing on to them.
- You want to learn about the science of climate change
- You understand or want to understand that the world is a finite system and that we have exceeded the earth's ability to absorb our waste products
- You want to reduce the suffering and deaths (350,000 annually) caused by climate change (80% are children under 5) of millions of environmental refugees around the world
- You want to reduce the impacts of climate for the next 1000 years or more
- You want to reduce the great extinction already happening due to habitat destruction
- You understand that the sooner we act the less it will cost to transition to a lower carbon lifestyle
- You believe that the only moral future is a sustainable one
- You believe that it is unjust to burden the world's most vulnerable people due to the excesses of the developed world
- You want to be part of an award-winning Green Team

What we need



OR VOLUNTEER FOR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DO...

PLANNING: Learn about & plan projects at our meetings; hear about our plans; create new eco-projects in one of our seven action areas, or start a new one to do what is important to you within our vision

WASTE REDUCTION: Participate to "Put Waste in it's Place". Remember to *Reduce, Re-Use & Recycle* at Fairlawn and at home

GARDENING AND LOCAL FOOD: Connect with the earth by helping in the Fairlawn gardens. Learn how our food choices affect our health and others in the world.

EDUCATION: Learn by attending seminars. Help organize seminars on the Green Action topics

COMMUNICATION: Talk to folks at our "Green Table" at coffee hour. Help us hand out pamphlets, gather petition signatures or take registrations for an event. Write an article for "Community Life" about green issues or actions

ADVOCACY: Live with respect in creation. Write and talk with our local, provincial and federal politicians demanding action on climate change & other related issues. Attend or support rallies.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: Reduce our carbon footprint at Fairlawn or at your home.

TRANSPORTATION: Learn how our choices impact the world. Find out how to save fuel & money and improve your health.

Time commitment

A few hours each quarter for a meeting or seminar; or a few hours for a green project; or whatever suits you!

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