



Maggie Baynham, Vancouver, BC

I work for goBeyond, which is a project of the BC Campus Climate Network. Through the project, we support students to help their campuses go beyond climate-neutral; reducing their carbon footprint while generating regional solutions. My vision for the future is one in which youth are leading the way on climate action, and where young people enter the workforce as inspired, passionate and informed leaders. I strongly believe that our universities and colleges can do more to create this paradigm shift AND model innovative operational solutions. Our schools have a responsibility to all citizens of this planet to create a climate-stable and just world for everyone.

I am looking forward to co-facilitating the “My Community” Breakout Session at the Congress!



Ryan Barfoot, Powell River BC

I am the Sustainability and Eco-Education Coordinator for School District 47 in Powell River. Some of the programs we offer for youth include the Sustainability Toolbox, Leadership Ecology Adventure Program and the Passion to Picture Film Credit Camp.

At the Youth Congress I am helping co-facilitate the *My Community Breakout Session* & the *How Do I Find Food and Medicine in Nature?* Fast Skills Session



Donna Caddie Victoria, BC



I am a Project Manger in the Water Stewardship Division at the Ministry of Environment in Victoria. I am a born and breed Kiwi (New Zealander) and a relatively new recruit to Canada. After a career switch from teaching to environmental management, I have worked in strategic planning, public engagement and water policy. I have significant experience in public consultation and participatory policy development. I enjoy listening to music and dancing, food and wine and loooonng walks in nature.

I am looking forward to helping co-facilitate the *My Government* Breakout Session and hosting the *How Do I Reduce My Water Consumption* Fast Skills Session at the Youth Congress.



Matthew Carroll Vancouver, BC



I believe that climate change is the defining social justice issue of our generation, and that youth have a key leadership role to play in building a just transition to a low-carbon future. I am originally from England, but now live in Vancouver. I love to travel (especially on my bike), rock climb, ski-mountaineer, and sing. I am currently working as a Climate Action Facilitator for the Metro Vancouver region with the B.C. Ministry of Environment.

I am co-facilitating the *My Career* Breakout Session at the Youth Congress and look forward to meeting as many Congress participants as possible.



Nadia Chaney, Vancouver, BC



I am the Moderator / Emcee at the BC Youth Congress. I am a social artist and youth engagement leader and have worked on a wide range of projects and initiatives in BC and across Canada.

In 2008 I toured with Metaphor, a Hip Hop collective that played over 130 shows in schools across the province. I have also been actively involved with SFU's *Imagine BC* Dialogues on the Future Of British Columbia.



Amanda Chow, Vancouver, BC



I am a volunteer with the Environmental Youth Alliance in Vancouver.

At the Youth Congress I am hosting the *How Do I... Worm Compost?* Fast Skills Session.



Amber Church Burnaby, BC



I am a Climate Change Action Facilitator for the BC Ministry of the Environment and a M.Sc. student in Earth Science at SFU. I study glacier retreat and natural hazards in the Yukon and work with SFU's Adaptation to Climate Change Team. My passion is climate change. I was part of the official youth delegation to the UN Climate Change Meetings and was one of 200 Canadians selected by the Climate Project Canada to be trained by Al Gore to present an updated version of the award-winning Inconvenient Truth slideshow. I traveled to Antarctica in 2006 with Students on Ice as a youth mentor. I am looking forward to co-facilitating the "My Government" Breakout Session at the Congress! I am also helping with the *How Do I Explain Climate Change to a Non-Believer?* Fast Skills Session.



Laura Cornish Victoria, BC



I'm looking forward to increased positive visioning of what BC could like in 2050 and increased motivation and support for youth to make that vision happen. My favourite activity is a toss-up between reading and skiing. My favourite authority is J.R.R. Tolkien.

I am looking forward to meeting the youth participants at the Congress and am excited to be co-facilitating the "My Government" Breakout Session in the afternoon.



Amy Cousins Victoria, BC



I am the BC Sustainable High Schools Project Coordinator for the Sierra Club of BC.

At the Youth Congress I am helping to co-facilitate the *My Community Breakout Session*.



Laura Darch, Vancouver BC



I am the Schools Program Coordinator for BC Hydro.

At the Youth Congress I am facilitating the *How Do I Be Powersmart? Fast Skills Session* in the afternoon.



Bruce Ford Vancouver, BC

I am the K-12 Education Coordinator for Metro Vancouver and I am an executive member of the Environmental Education Provincial Specialists Association.

At the Youth Congress I am helping to co-facilitate the *My Government* Breakout Session.



Kate Henderson Vancouver, BC

I am the Project Manager for BC Green Games and an On Call Science Teacher with Science World in Vancouver. I have a black belt in awesome and I sometimes make kids mind's explode from watching crazy science demos. I am spreading the environmental movement province-wide through the online contest BC Green Games: www.bcgreengames.ca

I am looking forward to hosting the Climate Change Fast Skills Session at the Congress!



Jarrid Jenkins Vancouver, BC



I am Teacher Support Program Developer for Science World and have been involved in environmental and sustainability education for over a decade. I believe that the massive cultural shift needed to move our country towards a sustainable future has already begun, and that the youth of today are playing crucial roles in building on that momentum.

At the Youth Congress I am helping to co-facilitate the *How Do I Explain Climate Change to a Non-Believer?* Fast Skills Session



Lani Johnson Vancouver, BC



My vision is to see business, community and government work together in a way that improves and values individual lives and is sustainable for the future. Sustainability is important socially, economically and environmentally. I have the privilege of being a part of a great team at BOB (Building Opportunities with Business) which is a non-profit organization that is championing an inclusive revitalization process for the inner-city that values existing businesses and residents.

I am co-facilitating the “My Career” breakout session at the Congress and am looking forward to meeting many of the Congress participants throughout the day!



Emily Jubenvill Vancouver, BC



I am dedicated to environmental justice, passionate about marine invertebrates, in love with my bike, stoked on community gardening, and creating a world where we can all thrive. We live in an amazing time, and the state of the world's economy and environment provide our generation with incredible opportunities at the local and global level. We're all working hard to create sustainable communities, and at this Congress I want to hear as many stories of youth led community action as possible. These are the stories that we should celebrate!

At the Youth Congress I am a speaker on the Youth Panel and am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible!



Thomas Kineshanko Vancouver, BC



I am the co-founder and CEO of Habitat Enterprises, a Vancouver based company that helps to mitigate climate change by finding, designing and implementing carbon projects. I have a passion for "carbon creativity" — finding ways to reduce as much greenhouse gas as possible in as short of a timeframe as possible. In the past I have lectured at the National University of Singapore and Simon Fraser University and currently on the Vancouver Board of Trade's Sustainability Committee.

I am looking forward to sharing my story with Congress participants as part of the Youth Panel and helping to co-facilitate the My Career Breakout Session in the afternoon.



Karen Kun Oakville, ON



I am the Co-Founder of Waterlution, a learning organization and the Publisher of Corporate Knights magazine, Canada's Magazine for Corporate Responsibility. My vision for sustainability is living in a world where business, civil society, the media and policy makers think about interconnected environmental issues and include these factors into all key decision making. Traveling the world and meeting new people is one of my biggest passions. I split my life between Toronto and Banff. As life is busy, a night out with good friends is always treasured.

I am looking forward to co-facilitating the My Career Breakout Session and the *How To Network Effectively* Fast Skills session at the Congress!



Emily Menzies Victoria, BC



I recently started working as the Climate Action Facilitator for the Capital Regional District with the BC Ministry of Environment's new Youth Climate Leadership Alliance. I'm into (learning how to) build collaborative, non-hierarchical, anti-oppressive, empowering, sustainable culture and community through fun, meaningful events, projects and social enterprises. I'm lucky enough to live my passion and earn my livelihood doing it: building youth awareness, skills & community that fosters inclusive decision-making and creates ongoing, transformative change towards environmental justice and social sustainability!!!

I am looking forward to co-facilitating the "My Community" Breakout Session at the BC Youth Congress!



Matt Thomson, Vancouver, BC



I am a project coordinator with SPARC BC and am currently completing my Master's of Arts in Planning at UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning. I have experience in a wide range of social planning areas, including food security, immigration and multiculturalism, governance and capacity building and linking social and environmental justice issues.

At the Youth Congress I am helping to co-facilitate the My Community Breakout Session.



Ilse Saraday, Vancouver, BC



I am the Building and Administration Coordinator at the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC). I joined SPEC as a volunteer in January 2006 and became an employee in August 2006.. As a SPEC volunteer I was involved in the SPEC transportation campaign. I have a B.A. in Environmental Science from Linkoping University in Sweden with focus on mobility management. I love to spend my spare time climbing and enjoying the beautiful surroundings of B.C.

At the Youth Congress I am hosting the *How do I... Grow a Garden in One Square Foot?* Fast Skills Session



Julianna Torjek Vancouver, BC



I am of first generation Canadian of Hungarian ancestry working with the City of Vancouver's Youth Outreach Team to engage youth in meaningful decision-making opportunities. My passion for public engagement and working with youth stems from personal experiences of disempowerment. I strive to bring respect, trust, measured risks and a sense of play to my work while fostering leadership in those around me. I recently finished my Bachelor of Science in Business Management and am looking forward to getting back into traveling and deep water diving over the upcoming year.

I am helping to co-facilitate the *My Government* Breakout Session at the Congress.



Wameesh (Ken Watts), Victoria, BC



I have a vision of a day when all people, including First Nations, can make full use of their surroundings in the beautiful environment of British Columbia that we were given. The plants, animals, trees, water and land are treated with the utmost respect like my ancestors did prior to contact. A balanced, harmonious and respectful relationship with mother earth will, in the end, provide us and our children with a better future.

I am looking forward to sharing my story as part of the Panel dialogue at the Youth Congress.