

Care, community and collective action rooted in shared dignity must be at the heart of climate emergency preparedness.

SO what are some ways we can mobilize community and system-level action and advocacy? THIS zine is a portable pocket guide to system change. KEEP it, or give it to someone who might appreciate some climate care strategies.



Systems Change, Not Climate Change: Pocket Guide to Advocacy



Heat

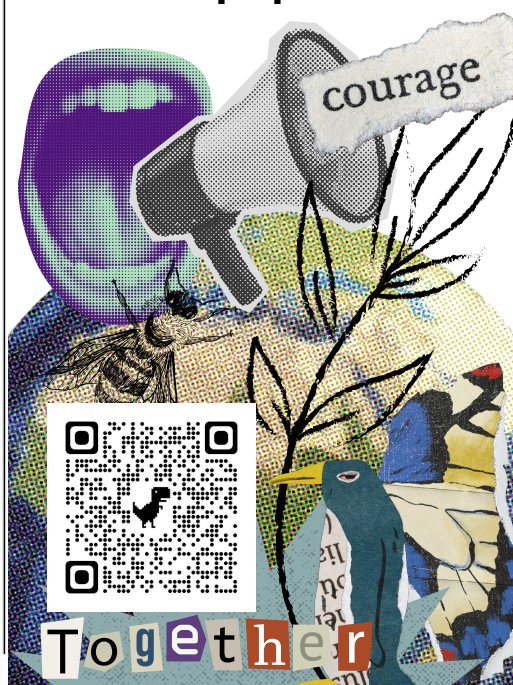
CALL on city officials to prioritize green spaces and tree canopy cover in equity-deserving communities.

CHAMPION official community heat action plans to coordinate community responses.

SUPPORT mass mobilization of government heat pump subsidies and climate-safe housing rights policies for renters.

PROMOTE long-term heat and drought-tolerant urban forestry. ADVOCATE for workers' rights to protect those working in extreme heat.

Check out the QR Code for more climate preparedness



Wildfire

CALL for investment into forest management policies that reduce fire threats near vulnerable communities.

STOP logging old-growth forests. CENTRE indigenous leadership in forest stewarding, land relationships, and practices.

ADVOCATE for more strategic and holistic development decisions that create fire-adapted communities from the start.

ENGAGE strategies to support high-risk community members during wildfire and smoke events. E.g., food sharing, childcare, mental health support.

Justice & Care

CLIMATE care acknowledges how race, gender, class, age, ableism, wealth and power intersect with causes, impacts & solutions associated with climate change.

DECISION-making processes should be representative of marginalized communities.

PRIORITIZE people & planet over profit.

SEEK to reshape systems that produce violence without creating more violence in the process.

SUPPORT transition away from fossil fuels toward renewables to reduce climate impact severity.



Air Pollution

INVEST in accessible clean air sanctuaries and air filtration systems to reduce health impacts and support wellbeing.

ADVOCATE for car-free corridors and public green spaces to help mitigate harmful emissions. ELECT leaders who will be accountable to climate emissions targets and effective clean air policies.

PROMOTE bylaws encouraging electric over gas-powered equipment.

Flooding

FOSTER community flood resilience by engaging and embedding community voices and lived experiences in policies.

PLAN and build communities away from flood zones.

RESTORE and preserve wetlands that offer natural flood control.

USE building materials for roads and community infrastructure that can withstand prolonged water immersion.

ADVANCE warning about flooding functions as a protective factor against psychological distress for those impacted by floods

