

‘Sparks That Fuel the Fires of Change’

Environmental Youth Forum
Wednesday, November 26, 2008
Downsview Urban National Park

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

- 8:30-9:00: Arrival and Registration
9:00-9:45: Welcome, Agenda and Keynote Address:
Council of Canadians: Meera Karunanathan
9:45-10:00 St. Jerome Elementary Eco-Team; on the importance of being environmentally active
- 10:00-10:50 Presentation A:
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| 1) Systems Thinking | Lindsay Bunce, Nancy McGee, TRCA |
| 2) Importance of Biodiversity | Kate Ballantyne, Ministry of Natural Resources |
| 3) Recipes for Taking Action | Susan Elliot , Learning for a Sustainable Future |
| 4) Vermi-Composting | Cathy Nesbitt |
| 5) Energy and Waste Strategies | Scott Grieve, Paul Deighan, TCDSB |
| 6) The Truth About Bottled Water | Joe Cressy, Polaris Institue |
| 7) Canadians Becoming Involved | Stuart Trew, Council of Canadians |
| 8) Growing and Eating Locally | Michael Lewis, FoodShare |
| 9) Urban Greenery and Gardening | Colin Love, Downsview Park |
| 10) The Future of Energy | Erin Wood, TREC |
- 11:00-11:50
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| 1) Systems Thinking (Double Session) | |
| 2) Energy and Waste Strategies | |
| 3) Urban Greenery and Gardening | |
| 4) The Future of Energy | |
| 5) Recipes for Taking Action | |
| Your Voice: Your Needs | Roberta Oswald, TCDSB, Greg White, Change for the Environment |
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| 7) Vermi-Composting | |
| 8) The Truth About Bottled Water | |
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| 10) Recipes for Taking Action | |
- Note: a special 2 hour presentation by Learning for a Sustainable Future is being organized for all teachers attending the forum!**
- 12:00-12:45 LUNCH (Bring Your Own: Boomerang Lunch/Waste Free: we will be providing water)
- 1:00- 1:20 Spiritual Reflection
1:20-1:45 Sharing Session Between Secondary Schools
1:45-2:15: School Action Planning
2:15-2:45 School Bragging and the Future Goals
2:45— Thank you and end of day.