

## My climate activism list:

### News:

The Tyee and the Narwhal are two environmental news sites. I prefer the Tyee because they more often link to people doing the work and ways to get involved. For example: <https://thetyee.ca/Presents/2021/11/19/Finding-Hope-To-Fight-Climate-Crisis/>

### Indigenous Movements:

Many Indigenous resistance groups have calls to action on their websites, and their social media seems to be where some people connect. This might also give you some ideas down the road for what to fundraiser for if you are involved in other groups!

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Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/p/CWbNH25LjLX/?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CWbNH25LjLX/?utm_medium=copy_link)

-Tiny House Warriors <http://www.tinyhousewarriors.com/#about>

-Wet'suwet'en calls to action: <https://www.yintahaccess.com/take-action-1>

-Haldimand Tract (aka 1492 Landback Lane)

<https://m.facebook.com/1492LandBackLane/>

-Indigenous Climate Action is for and by Indigenous folks

<https://www.indigenousclimateaction.com/>

### Disaster Response:

-the Sikh community often seems to be at the forefront of disaster responses. After disasters it is worthwhile to check in on what Sikh groups in the effected areas are doing for opportunities to help! <http://gurmatsikhsociety.org/>

### National and International Groups with Local Chapters

-Greenpeace Canada has been around for a long time and has focused on fossil fuels industry in particular in

Alberta <https://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/act/volunteer-with-greenpeace/>

-Sierra Club does a mix of government advocacy and grassroots programs with lots of volunteer opportunities <https://www.sierraclub.ca/en/prairie/get-involved>

-Climate Strike Canada is a student movement that started with organizing student walk outs <https://www.climatestrikecanada.org/>

### Provincial Groups

-Alberta Environmental Network connects people to events, activism, and groups around the province <https://www.aenweb.ca/>

-Alberta Lake Management Society is focused on protecting lakes with lots of opportunities to participate like lake monitoring <https://alms.ca/>

-Public Interest Alberta does work on a variety of social justice issues including environmentalism, maybe worth knowing about them <https://www.pialberta.org/>

-Pembina Institute is an information hub and research powerhouse on environmental issues in Alberta, they also often host events <https://www.pembina.org/>

-Municipal Climate Change Action Centre provides funding and info on greener energy retrofits and similar projects. I'm not seeing opportunities for involvement right now, but maybe worth checking out if this is an area of interest <https://mccac.ca/>

Local Groups:

- APIRG has been around at the U of A for a long time supporting all things social justice - they've got funding, working groups you can join, info, and training <https://apirg.org/>
- Climate Justice Edmonton is an organizing group for the city with a strong, radical platform <https://climatejusticeedmonton.com/>
- Bike Edmonton is all about increasing bike use and does all sorts of practical work to make that happen <https://bikeedmonton.ca/>

**I also started sharing ideas for home activism for folks struggling to participate in community activism during the pandemic:**

These articles gives some good examples of what is possible from home:

- <https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/9-places-to-volunteer-online-and-make-a-real-impact>
- <https://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/a32052267/ways-to-virtually-volunteer-from-home/>
- <https://www.publicservicedegrees.org/resources/student-guide-to-online-activism/>
- <https://www.one.org/international/blog/at-home-activism-essential-resources/>
- <https://www.greenpeace.org/international/story/30065/how-to-be-an-activist-at-home/>

Overall, some of the ideas I've heard of or found for 'doing something' from home include:

- sharing information online or with print resources that you could put up or deliver
- fundraising for or donating to frontline causes (money, bottle drive, or items like food, masks, winter clothes, etc.)
- sending letters, signing petitions, or making phone calls to elected officials
- doing important operational volunteer work that can be done from home (e.g. writing funding applications, putting together hampers, organizing deliveries)
- making donatable things - food for frontline workers, knit hats for newborns, warm mittens, personal hygiene kits for homeless neighbours (either distribute yourself in a safe way like drop off, or outside deliveries, or give to organizations to distribute).
- volunteer outside or on solo projects (e.g. shoveling walks - huge for winter accessibility), volunteer with animals (e.g. spay/neuter and release programs), or engage in some guerilla activism (e.g. graffiti) - please be aware of the legal risks of this last option
- making changes in your own home - e.g. educating family members, reducing plastic use, buy from more ethical sources, etc.
- attend online forums like townhalls or conference where you can learn more, build connections, or advocate
- make art (<https://c4aa.org/2018/04/why-artistic-activism>)
- using this time for learning/organizing - take an online activism or organizing course, take the free Indigenous Canada course, join new groups/meet other activists, learn more about the issues you care about, etc. This will make you more effective at making a difference when it is safer to do so

-Remember, keeping people safe from covid is also 'doing something important' even if it doesn't feel like it.