

King's Political Science Club and the KUCSC present:

Dialogue and Action for Earth Summit 2012

Starting in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, and touring across Canada to Victoria, British Columbia, youth leaders and sustainability veterans will bring communities together to discuss the relationship between democracy, sustainability, green economy, equity, and the role of civil society at the Earth Summit 2012.

When: 6-8pm, Tuesday 28 February 2012

Where: Vitali Student Student Lounge and Extension

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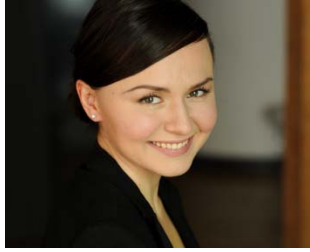
We Canada www.earthsummit.ca

We Canada is a non-profit social movement for Canadian leadership in sustainable development. Founded and run by more than 50 young adult and veteran sustainability advocates from across the country, We Canada aims to create a platform for civil society participation in the Earth Summit 2012. Their objectives are to spread knowledge and empower people to make change in their own lives and participate in systemic change. They foster dialogue and consultation among the public, responsible business networks and NGOs. They have forged a nation-wide civil society coalition and are coordinating with similar initiatives worldwide. They are working together to make the Earth Summit 2012 the tipping point for the sustainability movement.

Speaker's Biographies



Dr. Radoslav Dimitrov is European Union delegate to the United Nations negotiations on climate change and Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario. He is consultant to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and wrote a guide to the UN climate talks for the top CEOs of 200 multinational companies. Between 1999 and 2007, he was UN rapporteur and analyst for the Earth Negotiations Bulletin. His research on global environmental institutions, climate change politics, the science-policy connection and international norms is published in his book *Science and International Environmental Policy* (Rowman and Littlefield 2006), as well as articles in *Global Environmental Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Review of Policy Research*, the *Journal of Environment and Development*, and the *International Journal of Global Environmental Issues*.



Aleksandra Nasteska is the co-founder of We Canada. The Macedonian native first became outspoken in the women's rights movement at the age of 14. Her career in media began as a correspondent for youth culture shows on the national network. In Canada she created Vancouver Heartbeat, a multimedia project profiling environmental and social justice leaders. She was Youth Steering Committee Member at the United Nations International Children and Youth Conference – Tunza 2011.



Victoria Wee is the Youth Engagement Director of We Canada and the lead organizer for We Canada's cross-country tour. She is a member of the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada's National Youth Leadership Council and the Canadian Environmental Network's Youth Advisory Board. In 2011 Victoria embarked on an Arctic expedition. Post-expedition she organized an international youth declaration to the Arctic Council, and currently chairs the Students on Ice Arctic Youth Working Group exploring youth engagement opportunities in the Arctic Council. Victoria was a facilitator at the United Nations Tunza Children and Youth Conference in Bandung, Indonesia.

Earth Summit: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held in June of 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Conference is a milestone commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, also known as the Rio Earth Summit.

The Rio Earth Summit was one of the largest gatherings of heads of state, civil society leaders, individuals and organizations in human history. These stakeholders met with the purpose of charting a course for a more sustainable future. From the Summit emerged agreements, most notably Agenda 21, which began the creation of a framework for developing global, national, and regional plans for sustainability. The Rio Earth Summit has since stood as an example of what is possible when governments and civil society work together.