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Re: Community for Climate Action North Etobicoke

Dear Community Member!

The Community for Climate Action North Etobicoke (CCAN) project is happening in your community this Spring! Hosted by the [Africa Climate Action Initiative \(ACAI\)](#), with support from the [Rexdale Women's Centre](#) and the [City of Toronto](#), CCAN aims to share knowledge, resources and opportunities about how climate change is impacting our communities and how we can take action, as individuals and together.

Climate change is a serious challenge both globally and here in our City. According to TransformTO, Toronto's three major areas of harmful greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are from buildings and energy use, transportation, and waste management. The City also found that 92% of Torontonians agree that climate change threatens personal health and well-being, and 78% are concerned about its impacts on our City. Yet nearly half do not know what they can do to address it. We believe change starts with knowledge, community, and partnership.

**Session Dates:**

CCAN is running a series of online workshops with community partners on (1) Climate Change Knowledge, (2) Waste Management & Food Security, (3) Energy Efficiency & Savings, and (4) Active Transportation. All sessions are free and take place virtually unless otherwise noted. Click to register/RSVP:

- March 1: KTCC Training – Bringing People Together (ClimateFast) - [REGISTER](#)
- March 8: BetterHomesTO Programs & Incentives for Residents (City of Toronto) - [REGISTER](#)
- March 9: Love Food Hate Waste Conversation (RWC) - [RSVP](#)
- March 12: TransformTO Climate Action Strategy (City of Toronto) - [REGISTER](#)
- March 15: KTCC Training – Model Conversation (ClimateFast) - [REGISTER](#)
- March 22: Cycling Advocacy 101 (Cycle Toronto) - [REGISTER](#)
- March 23: Love Food Hate Waste Conversation (RWC) - [RSVP](#)
- March 29: KTCC Training – Technical Nuts & Bolts (ClimateFast) - [REGISTER](#)
- April 6: Love Food Hate Waste Conversation (RWC) - [RSVP](#)
- April 12: KTCC Training – Collective Courage (ClimateFast) - [REGISTER](#)
- April 19: Safe Cycling 101 (Cycle Toronto) - [REGISTER](#)
- April 20: Love Food Hate Waste Conversation (RWC) - [RSVP](#)
- May 3: Bike Repair Session (CultureLink) - 2667 Kipling Towers - [RSVP](#)
- May 10: Bike Repair Session (CultureLink) - 2667 Kipling Towers - [RSVP](#)
- May 17: Bike Repair Session (CultureLink) - 2667 Kipling Towers - [RSVP](#)
- DATE TBD: Balcony Gardening (Afri-Can FoodBasket) - link will be posted online
- DATE TBD: How to Start a Community Garden (Afri-Can FoodBasket) - link will be posted online

To learn more and register for all sessions: <http://www.capnetwork.ca/north-etobicoke/>



### **Humber College Student-led Workshops for Local Organizations:**

We are excited to partner with Humber College sustainability students who have developed two climate change workshops geared towards youth. These workshops are available for organizations in North Etobicoke to book during the months of March and April for their constituents/communities (up to 25 participants per session). Every workshop will include information and guidance for youth on opportunities for careers in the green/environmental sector. Each workshop will be delivered three times, on a first come first served basis, for a total of six workshops. Topics and available time slots:

1. **What is "Net-zero", "Net-positive", "carbon neutral", and "passive design" and their benefit to our environment?:** Wednesdays from 10am-11am
2. **Sustainable Food Choices:** Monday evenings after 5pm

If your school, organization or association is interested in booking one of these wonderful sessions, please complete the sign-up form which will be available on our website: <http://www.capnetwork.ca/north-etobicoke/>

### **Ongoing Opportunities:**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN AND COMPOSTING:** CCAN is supporting the Rexdale Women's Centre Community Reduce and Reuse Program (CRRP) on the community garden and composting site at 2667/2677 Kipling Towers. We will be installing a hoop house and engaging with residents on kitchen/organic waste and composting. Email [kfrempong@rexdalewomen.org](mailto:kfrempong@rexdalewomen.org) to participate.

**BALCONY GARDENING KITS:** Kits will be available for pick-up (bins, tools, seeds, soil) at the CRRP centre on a first come first served basis. We will announce on our website and social media when these are available. Email [kfrempong@rexdalewomen.org](mailto:kfrempong@rexdalewomen.org)

**ENERGY SAVINGS BULBS:** Request an energy efficiency bulb to be delivered to your home - [kfrempong@rexdalewomen.org](mailto:kfrempong@rexdalewomen.org)

**BIKE ACCESS, TRAINING AND REPAIRS:** Book a bike training session, learn more about bike repairs, and enter for your chance to receive your own bike free of charge (all at the Rexdale Women's Centre CRRP, 2667 Kipling Ave.!) Please [complete this form](#) if interested.

**CLIMATE CHANGE CHARTER:** We are creating a charter outlining why climate change is an important issue for North Etobicoke residents, and the principles and many ways in which we take action together as a community. The charter will be translated into several languages and distributed among the community. Email us at [acai@capnetwork.ca](mailto:acai@capnetwork.ca) to contribute!

### **Apply to Receive a Bicycle for Participating:**

The CCAN project is offering a limited number of free bicycles to interested project participants (see details and conditions in form). To be eligible for a chance to receive one of these bikes, you must:

- Reside in North Etobicoke
- Complete project 3+ sessions of your choice (all sessions above are eligible)

- Participate in a bike training session
- [Complete this form](#)

### **Have a Tree Planted on Your Property!**

In partnership with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP) and TreeMobile, the ACAI CCAN project is offering up to 25 fruit and shade trees to project participants who live in Etobicoke North. You must have attended at least one of the CCAN project sessions or workshops to be eligible to have a tree planted on your property. Sessions listed in this section are eligible.

Trees will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Must be planted on private property. Several types of fruit and shade trees are available and planting is included / will be handled by TreeMobile.

Please [complete this form](#) for your chance to have a beautiful tree planted on your property!

### **Partners:**

We are proud to partner with several organizations championing climate change and sustainability: ClimateFast, DYLOTT Lead Like A Girl, Cycle Toronto, BetterHomesTO, CultureLink, Rexdale Women's Centre and Humber College. Please see partner resources available on our [website!](#)

### **Connect:**

Instagram: [@climatenorthetobicoke](#)

Website: <http://www.capnetwork.ca/north-etobicoke/>

Email: [acai@capnetwork.ca](mailto:acai@capnetwork.ca)

CCAN posters in **English, Arabic, Somali, Persian, Spanish, Hindi and Punjabi** are also available on the website. Please share the resources and posters within your community.

Together, we stand for climate action and a healthy, sustainable neighbourhood in North Etobicoke!

Sincerely,

Africa Climate Action Initiative Team

