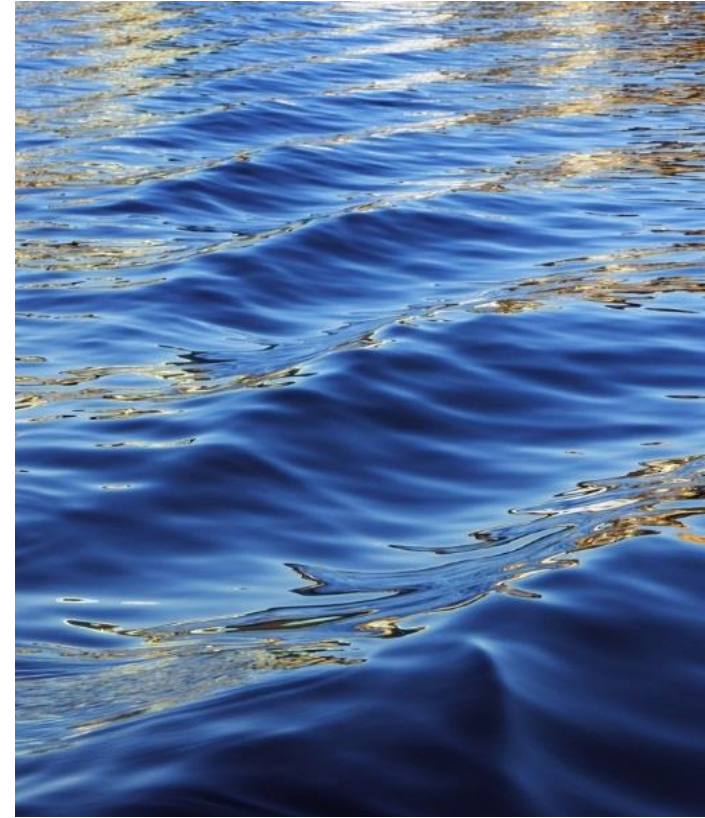


# Happy Earth Day!

**Climate Justice 101:**  
a crash course on how to be a youth  
climate activist



# Climate Justice 101:

- What is climate justice?
- Greta Thunberg: Fridays for Future
- Juliana v United States of America
- Fairy Creek Blockade
- How can I get involved?

# What is climate justice anyways?



[https://batman.fandom.com/wiki/Poison\\_Ivy\\_\(Schumacherverse\)](https://batman.fandom.com/wiki/Poison_Ivy_(Schumacherverse))

# What is climate justice anyways?

- Climate change is being driven by the wealthiest countries, but felt by the poorest
- From local homeless populations to vulnerable coastal countries like Haiti, Myanmar and the Philippines
- Wealthy, high emission countries need to play their part to solve this injustice because solving climate change is an expensive, global challenge



“Climate change... is poised to become  
the most massive human rights  
violation the world has ever seen.”

Kathleen Dean Moore  
Professor, Oregon State University



- Watch: [Dr. Pamela Isley meets Bruce Wayne | Batman & Robin – YouTube](#)  
play from 1:47 – 3:55
- Dr. Isley's (Poison Ivy) experience is a common one in climate activism – industry is often more valued than environmental care and environmentalists are accused of being extreme (in this case poison ivy is a tad extreme)
- No need to get discouraged though, it's all a part of the process and when we get a win, it all becomes worth it! What follows are some successful examples of climate activism led by youth!

# Greta Thunberg and Fridays for Future

- 2015: Greta Thunberg goes on a solo school strike to bring attention to the global climate emergency
- Friends at her school begin to join her and start a hashtag #FridaysForFuture
- Soon after, the movement gets international recognition and students around the world begin organizing school strikes on Fridays



<https://time.com/person-of-the-year-2019-greta-thunberg/>

# Greta Thunberg and Fridays for Future



<https://fridaysforfuture.org/what-we-do/who-we-are/>

# Juliana v United States

- 2015: Kelsey Juliana along with 20 other plaintiffs under the age of 25 got together to sue to US government over climate inaction
- Courts refused to view the case
- The Juliana plaintiffs joined up with Zero Hour, led by 16-year-old Jamie Margolin
- 2019: Over 30,000 people (mostly students) signed an amicus (friend of the court) within 11 days to support the plaintiffs right to be heard and guess what, they finally got their trial
- Now there are over 1000 similar lawsuits in the US and over 300 in other countries



<https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/juliana-v-us>



<https://www.gettyimages.ca/photos/jamie-margolin>

# Fairy Creek Blockade

- A movement to protect old-growth forests on Vancouver Island based on peaceful protest.
- Protesters have established a network of blockade camps in Pacheedaht and Ditidaht territory in a fight to save Fairy Creek (Ada'itsx)
- The blockade is the largest act of civil disobedience in Canadian history
- Protesters are fighting not only to protect old growth forests, they're also fighting for Indigenous sovereignty and decolonization.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy\\_Creek\\_old-growth\\_logging\\_protests](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy_Creek_old-growth_logging_protests)



# How can I get involved in environmental justice?

Brainstorm!



# How can I get involved?

- **Get informed:** Inform yourself about climate, justice, and climate justice
- **Join a club:** Connect with other likeminded groups and work together to make a change
- **Sign a petition!**
- **Start an initiative:** Start small in your school or neighbourhood. If you see room to initiate more sustainable practices, get together with friends and brainstorm how to implement an eco-friendly solution!
- **Contact local government:** Because youths cannot voice their opinions through voting, their opinions must be heard through different means. Write a letter or give your local representative a call.



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