

## **CLIMATE WATCH NL**

### **Climate Watch NL to Launch Thursday**

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This Thursday members of the public are invited to attend the launch of Climate Watch NL, a network of concerned citizens that envisions a minimal carbon economy for Newfoundland and Labrador by 2050, and is calling for meaningful climate change policy.

The launch will take place at The Corner Brook Public Library at 7pm (June 1st). All are welcome Tea, cookies and muffins will be provided.

"Globally we are seeing the effects of climate change every day," states member Katie Temple, "but the effects of climate change are also being felt locally."

As a coastal and northern province, Newfoundland and Labrador is uniquely vulnerable to climate change. Localized climate impacts in NL are already particularly noticeable in some coastal communities and in northern Labrador, and too often these places do not have the financial ability to adequately adapt to these changes.

Equally problematic, NL leaders have chosen to create an economy that is dependent on the fossil fuel industry — **we all experienced the consequences of this choice since oil prices collapsed in late 2014**

"We know that to reach international climate change targets most of our known global reserves of fossil fuels cannot be burnt," says Conor Curtis, another member, "that also impacts how we should plan for the future locally."

Climate Watch NL's aim is to participate in critical public dialogue about climate change and call for meaningful policy that will both decarbonize the economy and reduce carbon emissions in NL. Central to our focus are the issues of climate change adaptation and fossil fuel extraction.

More information on the network is available on Climate Watch NL's website, which can be found here <http://www.climatewatchnl.ca> and the network is also on Facebook and Twitter.

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