

## **CCAC Climate Justice and Engagement WG and McMaster University Climate Crisis WG**

May 08<sup>th</sup> 2025

7 PM – 8: 30 PM

Virtual

### **Participants**

#### **Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) Climate Justice & Engagement WG:**

- Su Heenan, Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC), Climate Crisis Working Group, PEACH
- Shelley Rempel
- Tristan Maclaurin
- Jordan Boyer
- Tran Nguyen, non-voting Volunteer

#### **Office of Climate Change Initiatives Staff & Guests**

- Trevor Imhoff SPM
- Beatrice Ekoko PM
- Blessing Oluloto - University of Toronto
- Jade Cappadocio- Soon-to-be journalism grad, passionate about learning and getting involved.

#### **McMaster U. Climate Crisis WG**

- Jami Sawyer, Hamilton Health Sciences
- Keishini Selvaganesh, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care
- Linda Varangu, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care and PEACH Health Ontario
- Marijke Ljogar - manager of primary care and environmental sustainability at the greater Hamilton health network and instructor at McMaster (sustainability department)
- Nick Kates, Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences McMaster University

- Angela Frisina
- Sujane Kandasamy
- Tasneem Alnahhas

1. Introductions around the table were made
2. OCCI staff and Climate Justice & Engagement WG gave a presentation.
3. Trevor facilitated a group discussion.

Nick: What is the outcome?

Linda: School curriculums are mentioned, what about seeing what the climate commitments are at the major employers in the City and seeing if there are gaps that this group can contribute to.

Shelley: worried about the lack of preparation of communities should there be an emergency.

Nick: Education has come up in our work. Hospital asks a lot about how do we educate staff?

Mental health supports – finding ways to hear from them, facing them, what are some of the most effective ways to communicate with them

Jade: I think generating some traction with the media to reach inside people's homes could be beneficial to teach and keep the community updated in regard to climate change and how the city is trying to combat that. Campaigns and events are a great way to get the public out and involved, and to generate some free coverage.

Linda: Indoor heat. Define mitigation for seniors especially

### Challenges identified

Jade: making people care!

Jordyn: People are overwhelmed

Educating the younger generations

Marika: Backlash – “how about you focus on making your wait time less?”

Tran: Just piggybacking off Blessing's point about dealing with misinformation regarding climate change. This is particularly an important area given the recent change in the political landscape. Our neighbours, south of us, is a perfect example. Looking at ways on how we could combat misinformation. Misinformation being used as a weapon to achieve a political agenda. Cutting of budgets, funding to critical items like climate change and support

**ACTION:**

Climate-related projects of environmental scan: Collate what everyone is doing  
Beatrice: Ask Gaby about the repository