

Dear For Our Kids supporter,

Something about summer seems to make it easier to meet and talk with people - we play outside more, see our neighbours more, and usually get some holiday time to travel or welcome visitors.

For Our Kids' summer family action is all about those opportunities to connect, and about what we can learn from them.

It's called Curious Climate Conversations, and you can find out all about it here.



The basic idea is to discover another person's perspective on climate change by engaging them in a general conversation, and at some point asking a question that begins with "I'm curious" and includes the word "climate". It could look something like this: you're visiting with friends away from home and you all start talking about the weather. You might say "I'm curious ... do you think this heat will be the new normal, because of climate change?"

The challenge is to then turn on your active listening skills and really pay attention to what the other person is saying. Avoid sharing everything you know about climate change and what it means for the planet - instead, keep the focus on your conversation partner by asking questions and being genuinely interested in their perspective.

Finding common ground builds connections between people rather than walls, and conscious listening and sharing is how we find common ground.

Check out <u>our Curious Climate Conversations page</u> to learn more about taking part in this family-friendly summer action. We're looking forward to hearing about your experiences and sharing them to make this a truly country-wide action.



Speaking of curiosity, are you wondering what happened with the spring family action? It's a great story.

All the beautiful and poignant images, photos and artwork submitted by families and kids were compiled in book form and hand-delivered to Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland's

office on June 30 by members of FOK Toronto and Natalie from the national support team. Read more here, and stay tuned for what will happen next.

You can <u>see a digital version of the book here</u>. Many, many thanks to all those who took part in the action!

Have you seen the <u>In the News</u> page on For Our Kids' website? It's where we capture FOK teams and members making headlines like this: <u>parents being</u> <u>granted intervenor status</u> in a ground-breaking challenge of the Ontario government's environmental targets, led by seven youth plaintiffs.

Please take care out there. Our deepest wish this summer is for a safe, healthy, re-energizing time for you, your families and your communities.

As always, please reach out to us at hello@forourkids.ca with any questions or comments. Or use our new <u>Feedback Form</u> to suggest ways we can improve (or let us know what we're doing well). We always love to hear from you!

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