



Hello For Our Kids network!



I am so pleased to be joining you as the new National Network Director. I feel immense gratitude for this opportunity to work alongside you, along with the rest of the Network Support Team, and I'm looking forward to connecting with many of you directly in the weeks to come.

I'm based in Nalikitquniejik, Mi'kma'ki (Antigonish, Nova Scotia) where I live on a small homestead with my partner (a beekeeper) and our two children. As a mother, my dedication to climate justice is inextricably connected to my deep love for my kids, which in turn extends to all children, and to the next generations for whom we are collectively responsible.

I've been an activist and community organizer since I was a teenager myself, and have been part of supporting grassroots organizing and networks for many years. I've been a long-time member and worked as a coordinator with the Breaking the Silence Network, a grassroots group of committees across the Maritimes working in solidarity with Guatemala. I'm also an active member of the National Farmers Union, working on issues of sustainable farming and food sovereignty with farmers and allies across Canada. Locally, I work on gender justice, food security, anti-poverty, and most recently peace/ceasefire initiatives, in addition to climate justice.

But, as the climate crisis deepens, I feel more and more urgency in aligning all aspects of my life to meet this challenge. I've been involved in social and ecological justice movements for many decades, and increasingly I've found that climate justice is the umbrella under which all other issues fit. We are building not only a climate-safe future, but also a more equitable, just, and peaceful future.

In 2019, as the idea of the For Our Kids network was being formed, here in my community I was involved with organizing rallies, marches, and meetings to draw attention to the need for immediate climate action. The same urgency that Matt (Price, founder of For Our Kids) and many of you were feeling was bringing together hundreds and sometimes thousands of us in our small town of Nalikitquniejik (Antigonish).



I came across For Our Kids in 2021 and immediately connected with the idea of taking action as parents, grandparents and caregivers out of a love for our kids and building community and spaces where we can share, grieve, and build active hope together. I joined as a supporter and when I saw the Network Director position I knew I had to apply. My kids have been joining me at rallies and events since before they could walk, and it is very important to me

that we create an intergenerational and inclusive climate justice movement. I appreciate the work that For Our Kids has been doing on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and I'm excited to be part of continuing and deepening that work. I'm also excited to be part of continuing to build the For Our Kids network here on the East Coast!

The climate crisis is upon us in a much more direct and immediate way than even five years ago. Here in Nova Scotia, in just the past 18 months we've experienced a devastating hurricane, wildfires, flash-flooding, and most recently, "historic" snowfall that paralyzed our communities for days. Some days I feel tremendous grief, fear, anger and despair. But then my child runs up to wrap his arms around me for a hug, or I snowshoe through the fresh snow to watch the sunset from the hill above my house and I know that there is still so much worth protecting. I know that this movement of parents, grandparents and others who are committed to our kids and their future is powerful, and that love is a powerful motivator.

Climate change is upon us, and it's late in the game, but not yet too late. This is a crucial decade and we've got to keep up the work to have the impacts that are needed. I believe we can do it, and I can't wait to get to work alongside you to make it a reality.

With care and hope,

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For Our Kids parents and teams live, work, meet, and act in communities that exist on land that has been taken from First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples across Turtle Island, whether through unfulfilled treaties or outright occupation of territory. We recognize the harm and injustices resulting from colonization and we commit to working toward safe, inclusive, just, equitable and healthy communities for all.