

The graphic features a stylized landscape with mountains, a deer silhouette, and a sun/moon. The text 'Wings of Change' is prominently displayed in a large, white, outlined font. Below it, 'A campaign for our generation' and 'April - November, 2011' are written in smaller white text. The background is a mix of black, blue, and orange tones with abstract patterns.

# Wings of Change

A campaign for our generation

April - November, 2011

Climate change is not just an environmental issue. When farmers' crops fail from unnatural droughts, this is a livelihood issue. When our grandparents die from heat waves, this is a health issue. When the animals people traditionally hunt are no longer there, this is a survival issue. When children can no longer play hockey on outdoor rinks, this is a cultural issue. When job opportunities disappear because industry refused to adapt to a changing world, this is an economic issue. It is our future at stake.

**As Canadian youth, we declare our right to ensure a healthy future and our responsibility to ensure the same for our children.**

The arctic is melting before our eyes and is destroying Indigenous cultures and peoples. Hurricanes and increasingly powerful storms are raging around the world. Small island nations are disappearing due to sea levels rising while our governments and industries are ignoring the greatest crisis of our time. We are seeing over the tipping point. We are seeing this all in our lifetime. This is the world in which we live, and this is the world that we, as youth, are inheriting. This is the world we refuse to pass on to our children. The climate crisis is upon us. Our choice is clear.

Today we are standing up. Today we are drawing our line in the sand. We are saying thus far and no further. We will no longer be silenced. We will no longer compromise our future. We will create alternatives, we will mobilize ourselves and we will build a better world.

WINGS OF CHANGE is a new, bold campaign being launched by the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition. We will issue a declaration of the world we aim to create, and invite each of our national political party leaders to join us in transforming this into a reality. As the generation that stands ready to inherit our responsibility as caretakers of the planet, we will ask for these leaders to start changing the politics, and stop changing the climate.

As youth, we recognize that we cannot make the changes we need alone. We will reach out to our allies across this country, from those communities living on the frontlines of a changing climate and the industries that fuel it, to workers, ensuring that we are building a just, democratic, and green economy. Not limited to youth, we invite people of all ages to take responsibility with us. Parents and grandparents are invited to take action on behalf of their children and grandchildren.

Together we can build a better future.

## Our Objectives

1. Secure the endorsement of all five national political party leaders for our call from youth of Canada.
2. Educate youth across Canada to understand climate change and what it means for them, and their future.
3. Empower and inspire youth and adults from coast to coast to take action to build the safe, clean and just future that we need create.

## Wings of Change the strategy

We are inviting each and every politician to join us by signing onto our demands, and calling on the leaders of each federal political party to publically sign on by November 4th. If all party leaders have not signed onto our demands by that date, we will organize a delegation of youth to go to Parliament Hill to get their signatures on our demands.

### From our repeated calls for action, to a timeline to ensure it.

Over the past 5 years, the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition has repeatedly called upon political leaders to join us, and take real action to stop climate change. We commend those that have joined our cause, and invite those who have not joined in the past to take that step today. Youth across this country want to engage in a meaningful plan for action with politicians, and we will demonstrate our commitment to this in the coming months, we hope that they will do the same.

### Youth Delegation to Parliament

We hope that the federal party leaders will jump at the opportunity to engage with youth, and that like us and our parents, they will take responsibility for their role in ensuring a safe climate future. We also recognize that Canadian politics can be a tough and busy job. That is why on November 4th, we will take action and come to the halls of our government, bringing youth from across Canada to Parliament Hill, and carrying with us the vision for the future of thousands of youth to secure signatures from those leaders who have not signed on.

To sign onto the campaign or for more information:

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Calendar of Events	
April 22	<i>Delivery Day: Delivering Our Demands</i> Youth across Canada will deliver our demands to candidates in the federal election, and leave copies at both 24 Sussex and Stornaway for the incoming residents, whoever they may be.
Date TBD (late May - early June)	<i>The 41st Parliamentary Welcoming Committee</i> We will welcome returning and new Members of Parliament and deliver gifts as a token of our commitment to meet our responsibility in securing a safe climate future.
July-August	<i>Power Summer</i> This summer we will hold six camps across Canada to educate and empower youth to take action in their communities to ensure the protection of our planet for ours and future generations.
September - October	<i>Growing Roots</i> In the fall we will partner with teachers across Canada to deliver a by youth-for youth climate change and climate justice educational workshop in classrooms across the country. Participants will also be asked to convey their vision of Canada in 20 years, which we will carry with us to parliament in November.
November 4	<i>Sign on Date</i> If the party leaders have not all signed onto our demands by this date, we will organize a delegation of youth to go to Parliament to secure those signatures.
November 5 November 6	<i>Delegation Training</i> On the weekend of November 5 and 6, more than six months after the demands have been launched and the first call for signatures launched, we will train a youth delegation to head to Parliament.
November 8	<i>Delegation to Parliament</i> Youth from across Canada will head to Parliament to attempt to get the signatures of those party leaders who have yet to sign on, and bring the visions from Growing Roots.
What Next?	<i>Canadian Youth Delegation to Durban</i> Twenty youth from across Canada will be organizing and preparing to represent youth from across the country at the next round of United Nations Climate Negotiations in Durban. They will be working to carry our demands over, and work to make sure that Canada is representing these values and actions internationally.