

Community Climate Transitions

ENDING POVERTY
DEEPENING COMMUNITY
BUILDING YOUTH FUTURES
CLIMATE TRANSITIONS

Vibrant Communities
TAMARACK INSTITUTE

Connecting local community efforts
through national support
since 2002

We want a future that is sustainable, just and equitable.

**One where all species and the natural world are thriving in
co-existence.**

One where no one is left behind.

We want this for the next seven generations, and beyond.

This is not only the future we want, but the one we need.

**This is a climate emergency and our house is on fire. Issues
of equity and justice are more urgent than ever before.**

**The SDGs – alongside the Paris Agreement, the Truth and
Reconciliation Calls to Action, and other critical
frameworks – provide us with a shared vision for our
collective future. With nine years left, the time to act is now.**

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**Advancing
equity while
fighting
climate
change**

Community Climate Transitions

Vibrant Communities – Community Climate Transitions is a network aimed at supporting cities, communities and organizations across Canada to localize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to a just and equitable climate transition.

Cities and citizens are already actively advancing equity and addressing climate change. This learning community serves to amplify existing work, by building capacity and connecting learners to one another.

This network is for those who:

- Have integrated the SDGs into their local plans or are looking to do so
- Want to develop climate transition action plans with a strong equity lens, to be implemented by a community collaborative
- Want to identify SDG-aligned local level priorities and metrics, and measure progress on their goals
- Are looking to learn more about community engagement and innovation, collective impact, collaborative leadership, and evaluation
- Hope to build back better following COVID-19 to ensure a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable society

Our Areas of Impact and Support

Our goal is to support 100 communities across Canada that are committed to developing Transition Plans locally

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

We support members in 3 areas of impact:

1. Supporting members to identify local priorities through community engagement
2. Developing a community-wide common agenda and SDG Transition plan
3. Tracking and reporting on outcomes

We do so by offering 5 forms of supports:

1. Expert coaching
2. Peer learning (Communities of Practice and Peer-Input Process)
3. Online learning (website, blogs, newsletters and social media)
4. Events (webinars, workshops, conferences)
5. Publications (case studies, guides, papers)



Our Impact

For the past 20 years, Tamarack has been a connected force for community change.

Through our Learning Centre, we share research and exemplary practices for community change with a growing network of 35,000 changemakers in Canada, the US and around the world.

Through Vibrant Communities, we apply our learnings by supporting cities and local leaders to develop and implement large-scale community change initiatives through several learning networks:

- Communities Ending Poverty (CEP): 330 municipalities represented by 80+ regional members working collaboratively to end poverty.
- Cities Deepening Community (CDC): 67 cities seeking to strengthen neighbourhoods and 25 cities developing community plans to grow citizen engagement, civic leadership and a sense of belonging.
- Communities Building Youth Futures (CBYF): 13 communities developing system-wide solutions for youth as they build and act upon plans for their future.
- Community Climate Transitions (CCT): Our latest network, launched in Spring 2021.





Join

Community Climate

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- Become an **inaugural member** of Tamarack's Climate Transitions network to help usher in the resilient and inclusive future that we want and need.
- Be part of a learning community with those pursuing similar goals so you can do your work in an easier and more effective way.
- Let Vibrant Communities staff help you document local **outcomes** and tell your community change story.
- The Vibrant Communities team is here to support your local goals. **Your success is our success!**

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