



CFUW 2023 Atlantic Regional Conference Women and the Environment - Confirmed Speaker List

CFUW 2023 Atlantic Regional Conference (ARC) – Women and the Environment - April 28-29, 2023
Holman Grand Hotel, 123 Grafton St. Charlottetown PEI
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Speakers: Friday - April 28, 2023

Stephanie Arnold – CLIMAtlantic



CLIMAtlantic is Atlantic Canada's climate services hub facilitating the effective use of climate data and information for regional adaptation and resilience strategies through collaboration, networking, and partnerships. We are user-driven, focusing on the needs of Indigenous communities, academia, provincial governments, municipalities, local service districts, non-profits, industry, and land-owners. CLIMAtlantic works with all regional and local groups to ensure there is a strong network of collaboration, and data and tools are easily accessible. Regional climate data hubs support efforts to make all communities more resilient to extreme weather events.

Stephanie Arnold is the Climate Services Specialist (PhD Candidate – UPEI; MBA – Rottman, UofT). Stephanie is also currently the Board President, BIPOC USHR and Chair, PEI Anti-Racism Table.

UPEI Student Panel – Graduate Students in Environment Studies



Graduate Students showcasing their research work on the environment. This will include brief “popcorn” styles of presentations with a panel of 3 to 4 graduate students each presenting a 15-minute overview of their research. Leading the panel will be a recent CFUW scholarship recipient, Genevieve Keefe. Genevieve joined the UPEI Climate Smart Lab as a Master’s Student in January 2022. Her background is in chemistry with a BSc from UPEI (2013) and an MSc from the University of Edinburgh (2016). After returning to Prince Edward Island from the UK, she worked in R&D at Biovectra (Charlottetown) as an analytical research scientist. Her current project involves the assessment of coastal erosion vulnerabilities on Prince Edward Island and the investigation of appropriate protection measures. She loves exploring PEI’s woods and beaches and trying to tire her dog out.

Tracy Cutcliffe – L'nuey



Established in 2019, L'nuey is an initiative that focuses on the advancement, implementation, and protection of the constitutionally entrenched rights of the Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq (Mi'kmaq of PEI). L'nuey means *'Belonging to or pertaining to the Mi'kmaq People as a whole'*, and its tagline doubles as its mission: *'Moving towards a better tomorrow'*. On January 19, 2022, the Government of Canada and the Epekwit Assembly of Councils marked the successful conclusion of the feasibility assessment for a national park reserve in the Pituamkek (Hog Island – Sandhills) area with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding which begins negotiations towards a formal national park reserve agreement. The establishment of a protected area will support and conserve the ecological integrity of the area and the wildlife that calls it home, as well as Mi'kmaq cultural sites, and important archaeological sites for future generations.

Tracy Cutcliffe is the Senior Negotiator at L'nuey. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the Schulich Law School – Dalhousie University, and a Bachelor of Business Admin (BBA) from Cape Breton University.

Emma Norton – Climate Emergency Unit



The Climate Emergency Unit, a project of the David Suzuki Institute, works with all sectors to find solutions to the climate crisis. It seeks to move governments and leaders in Canada into true climate emergency mode, pressing them to adopt ambitious policies that align with what science says we must do.

Emma Norton is the Director of Government Relations and Atlantic Canada Organizing for the Climate Emergency Unit. She has a BA (Honours) from the University of Kings College in Environment, Sustainability, and Society and International Development. Emma Norton describes herself as “advocating for emergency level policy responses to the intersecting climate and housing crises.” She is “motivated by social justice and climate change, I am a hard-working, passionate, and driven individual. I strive for a low-carbon energy system in Atlantic Canada, where energy is affordable for all.”

Jane Farquharson – CFUW; NSCAR



Jane Farquharson is a member of CFUW Charlottetown and the Council of Canadians who has recently led the work with a network of community organizations, local government and concerned residents to form the *North Shore Climate Adaptation and Resilience* group. The group was accepted as one of two Atlantic Canada communities to engage with the Tamarack Institute as member of the 2023 Cohort under the Community Climate Transitions Initiative that is a collective impact movement aimed at supporting a just and equitable climate transition, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. The presentation will focus on the approach, anticipated outcomes and considerations in developing grass roots advocacy groups addressing the climate emergency in rural communities. Jane has a MSc in Health Promotion from Dalhousie.