

CARBON FOOTPRINT CHALLENGE



ACTION

How much of an impact does it have on our carbon footprint?

This is the last email in the series!

We look forward to seeing most of you at the wrap up event is **Friday, March 13, 12pm-2pm** in the [Asian Centre Auditorium](#).

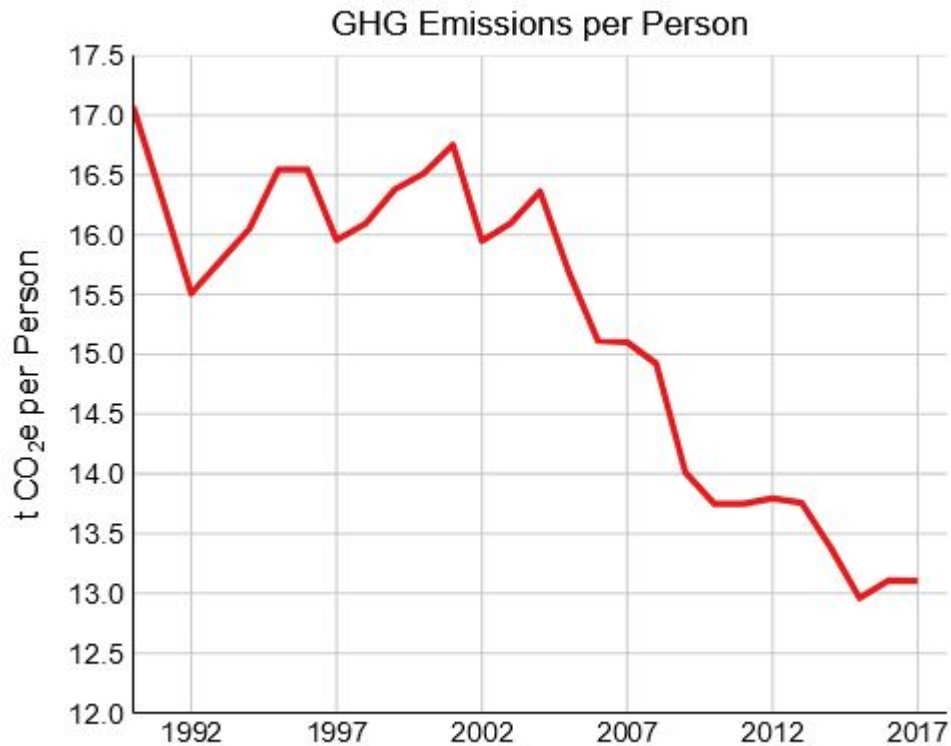
We will have some light low-carbon food available provided by Scholars.

There will also be a presentation from the UBC Climate Hub, trivia with great prizes, and discussion to inspire each other!

Over the past several weeks, we have highlighted different areas that are having a large impact on climate change, along with suggested actions that we can take as individuals. While **every action matters**, to slow down the impacts of climate change, individual actions will **not be enough** - we need to create larger systemic changes. How do we do this...?

WAYS TO TAKE ACTION!

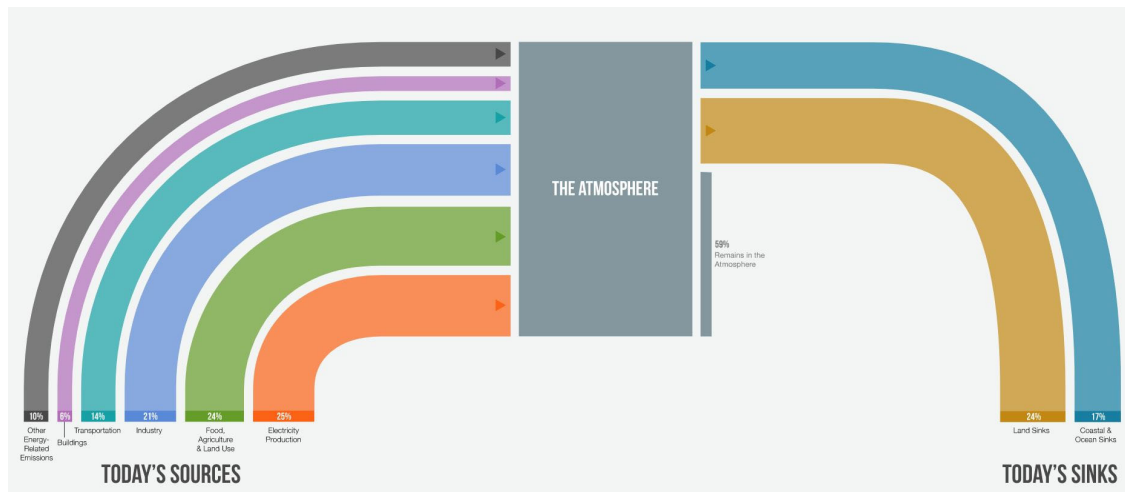
- 1 VOTE
- 2 Learning is action!
- 3 Encourage dialogue
- 4 Use your voice
- 5 VOTE



There is some good news! Overall, **greenhouse gas emissions** per person in British Columbia—also called per capita—**have declined** since the 2007 baseline year and stabilized in recent reporting years.¹

[Project Drawdown](#) is a global research organization that identifies, reviews, and analyzes the most viable solutions to climate change, and shares these findings with the world. The three connected areas call for action:

- 1) Reduce Sources — Bringing Emissions to Zero
- 2) Support Sinks — Uplifting Nature’s Carbon Cycle
- 3) Improve Society — Fostering Equality for All



Think you are too busy to act? Thankfully the UN created [The Lazy Person's Guide to Saving the World!](#)



[Vancouver Climate Emergency Action Plan](#)

Until **April 22**, the City of Vancouver is asking for your input on the 19 proposed actions in the five-year Climate Emergency Action Plan that it is developing to make it work for Vancouver residents and businesses.

Other ways citizens can be involved:

[Join an advisory body](#)

Agencies, boards, and committees focus on a particular topic that has an impact on the City of Vancouver and its people. Through the expertise of its members, these groups advise Council and City staff.

[Public Consultations](#)

The City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Park Board want to hear from you!

As part of our Engaged City initiative, we invite you to be a part of [Talk Vancouver](#) our online space for civic participation.

Help us build a better Vancouver by becoming a member of the City's online community of trusted, local advisors.

We will keep you connected to the latest City initiatives and invite you to participate in studies and discussions to hear your views and ideas.

UBC & CLIMATE

[UBC Climate Emergency Response](#)

The climate emergency is one of the most pressing issues of our time. At this pivotal moment, the decisions and actions we take today will reverberate beyond our own borders and lifetimes. UBC needs your help in shaping UBC's climate emergency response. Share your ideas, candid and constructive feedback, and engage in lively and respectful conversations. You don't need to be an expert; we all have a place in caring about our future.

Ways you can participate:

1. **Fill out the survey.** Share your thoughts and ideas to help shape UBC's climate emergency response. You could win one of five \$100 UBC bookstore gift cards on each campus! The survey closes on March 27. Submit your answers: <http://bit.ly/2VwwO8p>
2. **Attend the Vancouver campus-wide forum on March 11 (2:30-5:30).** Gather with students, faculty and staff at UBC Vancouver to learn, engage and discuss bold actions around the climate crisis.

Join the [UBC Climate Hub](#)

The UBC Climate Hub is a new university-wide initiative that aims to connect and empower university and community stakeholders to take bold climate action for a just future.

Join [UBCC350](#)

UBCC350 is a political climate action group that aims to use the power of collective action to promote climate justice.

Students

Join [Sustainability in Residence](#)

As a student living on campus, there are many ways you can help promote sustainability in your residence. From leadership opportunities to making everyday green lifestyle choices, living sustainably on campus can be fun and easy.

Become a [Sustainability Ambassador](#)

The Sustainability Ambassadors Program is a leadership experience for students interested in personal, collaborative, and community engaged learning.

Take [a class](#) at UBC!

There are literally HUNDREDS to choose from!

Staff

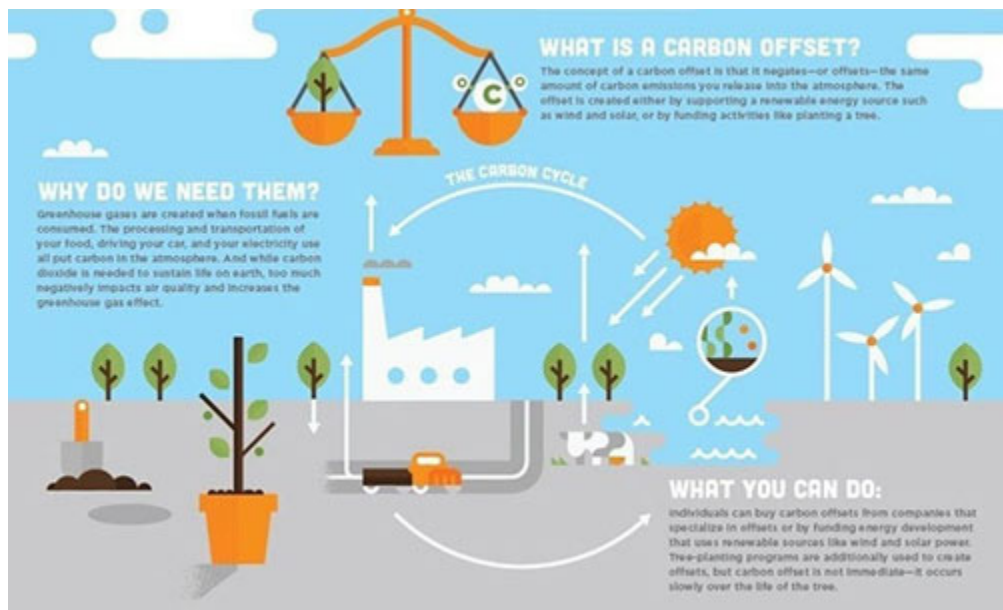
Become a [Sustainability Coordinator](#)

The Sustainability Coordinator Program provides UBC employees with opportunities and resources to promote and implement sustainable practices in their departments.

Faculty

Sign the [UBC Open Letter](#) to the UBC administration to demanding incentives and institutional support to reduce university-related air travel.

CARBON OFFSETS



Reducing air travel is the most effective to reduce related emissions.

However, if you need to fly, you can purchase carbon offsets to support projects that reduce or remove greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

There is a wide variety of companies and projects and some are controversial. Do your research to ensure the offsets will have desired impact.

Resources and extra sources:

- [Project Drawdown](#)
- [The Citizen's Guide to Climate Success by Mark Jaccard \(FREE e-BOOK\)](#)
- [UBC's Take Action Tips](#)
- [Overhaul your Carbon Footprint: These are the most impactful choices you can make](#) (news article)
- [Extinction Rebellion Vancouver - \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [Society Promoting Environmental Conservation](#)
- [SCARP Student Symposium - Imagining Otherwise](#) (March 12)
- [2050: Degrees of Change with Johanna Wagstaffe](#)

- [Offsetters](#) is a locally based company that supports projects in Canada and around the world.

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1. <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/soe/indicators/sustainability/ghg-emissions.html>

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