

Lights Out Canada is an annual event during which schools across the country turn off their lights and spend the day learning about climate change and what youth can do to take action.

Our goals are to:

- Educate students and teachers about the dangers of climate change.
- Provide participants with a host of ideas as to how to change everyday habits and empower them to lead more sustainable lifestyles.
- Encourage schools to be aware of environmentally unfriendly practices, and revise them.

We provide comprehensive lesson plans, step-by-step participation guides, and posters in order to make Lights Out Canada a success in participating schools. By increasing awareness and encouraging discussion, active participants will make a conscious effort to curb their energy use, both at school and at home.

Our lesson plans detail:

- What is global warming?
- Why is it occurring?
- Why is it a problem?
- **How can I make a difference?**

Over **122 300 students** in more than **330 schools** in **4 countries** participated in our 5th annual event, held in partnership with Earth Day Canada on April 22, 2010. Our objectives for the future are to significantly increase these numbers, to intensify the participation of schools and to compile students' commitments to action on climate change. This year's event will be held on **April 21, 2011**.

We want our peers to realize that global warming is not a far off concept, it is happening **now**, and its effects are being felt **today**. Ice in the arctic is melting. Ocean levels are on the rise, and changing climates have contributed to the extreme weather felt around the world.

The repercussions of growing greenhouse gas emissions will be one of the greatest, if not *the* most prominent, issues that our generation will face. It is our responsibility to put an end to this dangerous trend. Lights Out Canada will not stop global warming. It will, however, give students a quantity of tools they need to preserve our country, and our planet, for future generations.

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