

FORWARD!

FOR A FRACK FREE FUTURE 2024

JUNE 7-9, 2024

**PRELIMINARY
PROGRAM**

FORWARD! 2024 is hosted by Frack Free BC, a broad-based alliance made up of allied organizations including NGOs, Indigenous partners, grassroots organizations, community groups, and individuals who are organizing their communities to raise awareness and apply pressure to the government to end fracking in BC.

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WHY WE ARE GATHERING

Fracked gas is B.C.'s biggest climate problem. But the government continues to approve new LNG terminals and expand the fracking industry, intensifying disasters like earthquakes, wildfires, droughts, and floods.

To turn that around, our movement needs to show up bigger, louder, and with persistence. That's the vision behind *FORWARD!* 2024. To bring campaigns, communities, volunteers, activists, and everyone in between together for a weekend that will energize, inspire, mobilize and drive our movement – and our province – forward toward a sustainable and safe climate for future generations.

Together, we will build a safer, fairer, healthier future for our province.



“We cannot continue to expand fossil fuel infrastructure and hit our climate goals”

PREMIER DAVID EBY, 21 OCT 2022

FORWARD! **2024**

From June 7-9, activists, organizers, and changemakers from across B.C. will gather on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in Vancouver. We'll level up our practical skills through workshops and trainings, deepen our understanding of the issues that matter, and strengthen connections across the diverse campaigns, communities, and perspectives that make up our movement.

This weekend is for all kinds of people, whether you want to learn more about B.C.'s biggest climate problem, gain new skills, or find your place in the movement. Together, we'll share and develop fresh new strategies that will inspire and re-energize our communities to take action.

Join us for a weekend of connection, training, scheming, and dreaming of a Fracking – and Fossil – Free Future.

Read on for more information about where it will take place, options for travel and accommodation, and everything you'll need to participate!

THE PROGRAM: AT A GLANCE

FORWARD! Will kick off on the evening of Friday, June 7th with registration and an evening social from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Saturday will open with a plenary and then dive right into a full day of exciting workshops, stimulating panels and opportunities to connect. On Sunday, we'll delve deeper with additional trainings, opportunities for regional organizing, and open space for emergent conversations.

By the end of the weekend, you'll have gained new skills, a wide network to collaborate with, and a clear pathway to take action for a fossil fuel free future this fall.

Time	Friday June 7	Saturday June 8 All sessions at SFU Harbour Centre	Sunday June 9 All sessions at SFU Harbour Centre
8:00am		Registration	
9:00am		Opening Plenary (60 mins)	Opening Plenary (45 mins)
10:00am		Anti-Oppression Workshop (60 mins)	Workshop (75 mins)
11:00am		Workshop (60 mins)	Workshop (75 mins)
Noon		Workshop (60 mins)	Workshop (75 mins)
1:00pm		Regional Breakouts (60 minutes)	
2:00pm		Open Space Conversations (60 mins)	
3:00pm		LUNCH BREAK 🥗	
4:00pm		Workshop (90 mins)	Workshop (60 mins)
5:00pm		Workshop (90 mins)	Workshop (60 mins)
6:00pm		Workshop (90 mins)	Workshop (60 mins)
7:00pm		Break	Workshop (60 mins)
8:00pm		Workshop (90 OR 75 mins)	Workshop (60 mins)
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		Workshop (90 OR 75 mins)	Workshop (60 mins)
		Closing Plenary (30 mins)	
		DINNER BREAK 🥗	
6:00pm	Registration & Evening Social 312 Main	Evening Keynote Event	
7:00pm			
8:00pm			

PROGRAMMING STREAMS

The *FORWARD!* workshop program is organized into streams focusing on practical skills training, building political power, exploring the intersections between fracking and LNG campaigns and other social and climate justice organizing, and hearing lessons from the frontlines of resource extraction in B.C.

Below are some examples of how some of the expected workshops will explore those themes.

Skills for Action Trainings	Frontline Resistance to Fracking & LNG	Building Political Power	Cross-Movement Strategies
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Bird-Dogging: How to put politicians on the spot	Place-based Resistance to LNG	How to have effective meetings with elected officials	Holding the Fossil Fuel Industry Accountable
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Making the Media Work For You	Lessons from movement wins & losses	How to talk about climate change and fossil fuels	Community Organizing & Outreach
↓	↓	↓	↓
De-escalation & community safety	More to be announced soon!	Engaging with political parties	Effective Legal Strategies

ABOUT THE SESSIONS

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open during the Friday evening social and on Saturday morning. When you arrive at *FORWARD!* check in at the registration table to get the most up-to-date information about the weekend's programming, grab your swag bag, and inform the event organizers if there are any accessibility needs you have for the weekend.

The registration table will be staffed for the entire weekend, so if you need anything throughout – please visit the registration table to speak with an event volunteer.

FRIDAY SOCIAL

FORWARD! starts on Friday, June 7th with a community social to begin our event together in a good way, get to know each other better, to ground ourselves with our intentions for the weekend.

It will be held at 312 Main (download the information package from frackfreebc.ca for more venue information). Food and refreshments will be provided.

PLENARIES

On Saturday and Sunday, we'll start the days with plenary sessions. Plenaries are a time when everyone attending *FORWARD!* is together in the same session before we break off into smaller groups.

These plenaries will allow us to situate ourselves in the big picture of the moment we're in, surface themes emerging throughout the weekend and make connections between what we're learning, and the work in the world waiting for us back in our communities.

ANTI-OPPRESSION

Systemic forms of oppression are increasingly present in our society, and they affect everyone – though not equally. The first workshop on Saturday will explore how systemic oppression, privilege, identity, and allyship show up in social justice movements, and why that matters.

This session will use engaging activities and lessons from history to help participants gain the knowledge, skills, and perspectives to view the world through an anti-oppressive lens.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

Join us on Saturday evening from 6:00 - 8:00pm for an engaging evening of inspiring stories and lessons from movement and frontline leaders.

Stay tuned for exciting details and speaker announcements coming soon!

REGIONAL BREAKOUTS

Regional breakout space will be on Sunday late morning. This is a great time for groups who attended together to strategize how to put their new skills to good use back home. We'll also convene spaces for those to attend as individuals to connect with others in their region to take action together after the weekend ends.

OPEN SPACE CONVERSATIONS

We have an action-packed weekend of programming planned. We've created this space for emergent ideas that arise over the weekend that participants want to spend time exploring together, or with the support of a *FORWARD!* organizer.

WORKSHOP PROGRAMMING

FORWARD! Will feature a wide range of session formats that will enable us to strengthen and hone our skills, deepen our understanding, and explore creative and impactful forms of power building to create the sustainable and climate-safe future we know is possible.

Below are just some of the preliminary workshops we have confirmed. We will be announcing new sessions over the coming weeks in the lead up to *FORWARD!* so keep an eye on your email and on social media for new workshop announcements.

BIRD-DOGGING: HOW TO PUT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE SPOT

With Paige Gorsak & Kiki Wood | 60 Minutes | Workshop

Ever been inspired by a viral video of someone not letting their elected official off the hook on a question during a townhall? Frustrated by politicians not taking a public stance on your issue? Then *this* is the training for you! Join Kiki & Paige from Frack Free BC for a workshop on “Bird-dogging”: a powerful tactic to get candidates and elected officials on record about the important issues that matter to you and your community.

PLACE-BASED RESISTANCE TO LNG

Kirby Muldoe & Special Guests | 90 Minutes | Panel Discussion

For nearly 15 years, the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs have invited allies from neighbouring Nations and around the world to their territories to help stop oil and gas pipelines crossing their Yintah (territory). When construction of the Coastal GasLink fracked gas pipeline finally reached their lands and waters, thousands of people who had eaten traditional foods and drank from the Wedzin Kwa (Morice River) stood with them in an unprecedented global solidarity movement. Join Kirby Muldoe (Tsimshian and Gitksan) with SkeenaWild & other Frontline movement leaders as they share lessons learned and hear why resistance to fossil fuel infrastructure must be rooted in the places people care about.

MAKING THE MEDIA WORK FOR YOU

With Peter McCartney & Allison Murray | 60 Minutes | Workshop

Whether you're holding an action or publishing a letter, coverage in the media amplifies your message and catches the eye of decision-makers. Learning to connect with reporters in ways that make their job easier will help activists get more attention on fracking, LNG and more.

In this workshop, learn how to write a press release, give an interview and stay on message. Peter and Allison will share tips for writing and pitching opinion pieces and letters to the editor. We'll help you with strategies to get your local papers covering B.C.'s biggest climate problem — the gas industry — and the movement to bring it to an end.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & OUTREACH STRATEGIES: GROWING THE MOVEMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

With Jason Hjalmarson | 90 Minutes | Workshop

We're building grassroots opposition to fracking right across the province, and you can help! This workshop will de-mystify how to do community outreach for Frack Free BC in advance of this years provincial election. We'll go over some basic community outreach strategies, like canvassing door to door or at community events. We'll go over some common responses we hear from people when doing public outreach, discuss the support and resources available from the Frack Free BC steering committee, and where you can find different community events that are worth participating in.

HOW TO HAVE EFFECTIVE MEETINGS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

With Sven Biggs & Peter McCartney | 60 Minutes | Workshop

Meeting with your MLA or MP is one of the best ways to make sure the government hears your voice. It's their job to represent you and they want to keep it. Learn how to sit down with them and get your point across effectively.

Our facilitators will walk you through the process of getting a meeting with your representative and prepare you to share your concerns. We'll share how to share a personal story, make your ask clear and leave them with questions to bring to their colleagues.

HOLDING THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABLE

With Sue Big Oil & Stand.earth | 75 Minutes | Panel Discussion

Come hear a lively discussion between the Sue Big Oil Campaign and Stand.earth's FortisBC greenwashing lawsuit on the role that legal challenges can play in holding industry accountable for the climate crisis.

CLIMATE MESSAGING FOR NEW AUDIENCES

With Cara Pike | 75 Minutes | Workshop

Want to know the best narratives to reach specific constituencies in your community? Looking to make the most of your community outreach? Join Cara Pike from Climate Access to learn about the most effective climate messaging right now in BC and how to get your message to go further and reach beyond the choir.

LEVELING UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE THREAT OF LNG

With the David Suzuki Foundation | 60 Minutes | Workshop

Do you ever find yourself leafletting outside your MLA's office, or canvassing at a farmer's market and wishing you had more facts up your sleeve? Come deepen your understanding of the risks LNG poses to our province, and leave feeling like a local expert!

OTHER PROGRAMMING

ASK ME ANYTHING!

FORWARD! is going to feature an incredible line up of experienced trainers and facilitators, and subject matter experts. To help deepen our connections and expand our understanding, we've asked them to stick around over the weekend and make some informal slots available to meet with you (yes you!). Check out their workshop or panel, and then book a slot with them to keep the conversation going.

You can find more information about availability at the registration table throughout the weekend.

ART SPACE

FORWARD! is going to be exciting – and stimulating. Head to the art space to get your hands dirty with some constructively creative activities to fight back against climate chaos.

There will be some art-based workshops offered in this space throughout the weekend, and it will be open in between these sessions for those that want to practice their art-based activism.

If you are looking to take some materials for rallies and future actions back home with you, please let *FORWARD!* organizers know, so we can make sure to co-create some over the course of the weekend.

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

We want to make sure we are curating a brave space at *FORWARD!* that fosters safety and participation from, and for, all attendees. To that end, we are encouraging participants to abide by some community agreements. If you have agreements you would like to contribute that would help you to participate in the weekend, we'd love to hear from you. Please send suggestions to frackfree2024@gmail.com

Together, We Know A Lot

Try to meet people where they are at, understanding that not everyone is coming with the same level of experience or knowledge.

Take Space, Make Space

If you are often the first to speak, leave room for others. Usually the observer? Your contributions have value, try to speak up.

Ask For What You Need, Offer What You Can

Be Curious & Respectful

Not everyone shares the same perspective on issues we all care about. Try to be curious rather than judgemental about others' opinions.

Take the Wisdom, Leave the Names

This is a space for sharing, try to respect the privacy of those who may share personal experiences for the education of others.

Listen to Understand, Rather Than Respond

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