

What is The Leap Manifesto?

The Leap Manifesto is a vision for how Canada can tackle climate change in a way that changes our country for the better. The Manifesto is available in twelve languages and counting, and has been signed by tens of thousands of people from all walks of life, from former Ontario Chief Justice Roy McMurtry to the head of Canada's Jesuits; from Oxfam to the Council of Canadians to Idle No More; dozens of religious, labour and Indigenous leaders; cultural figures like Leonard Cohen, Ellen Page, Donald Sutherland and Arcade Fire and some of our largest public sector unions.

Who's behind it?

The Leap Manifesto was initiated in the spring of 2015 at a two-day meeting attended by representatives from Canada's Indigenous rights, social and food justice, environmental, faith-based and labour movements. The meeting was convened to move beyond saying "no" to the worst attacks on our rights and environment, and to dream together about the country we actually want and how to get there. The manifesto was shaped by the contributions of dozens of people.

Is this a partisan project?

The Leap Manifesto is a non-partisan social and political initiative. Those who have signed include supporters of all parties, and some who support none. All share the belief that now is the moment for a transformative agenda to emerge from outside electoral politics and to influence and shape national policy. History tells us that this kind of outside pressure is the best gift any government can receive.

Why leap now?

We launched the manifesto to demonstrate the widespread support for bold policy solutions that were not on offer from any of the major political parties.

Scientists are telling us that 85% of reserves in the Canadian tar sands have to stay in the ground to prevent catastrophic levels of global warming^[1]. New research shows that Canada could run on 100% renewable electricity within 20 years^[2], and that our entire economy could transition off fossil fuels by 2050.^[3] Making this clean energy shift is a massive economic and social justice opportunity for our country.

What's a "justice-based" energy transition?

A "just transition" is the idea that Canada can transition to a renewable-based economy in a way that changes our country for the better — achieving meaningful justice for First Nations, creating more and better jobs, restoring and expanding our social safety net, building a better food system, and reducing economic, gender and racial inequalities.

How do I get involved?

Join us at leapmanifesto.org to sign The Leap or endorse as an organization. Find out how you can start a local Leap group or host an event.

Our Resources page has downloadable versions of the manifesto in twelve languages, beautiful posters and social media materials.

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