

PRESS RELEASE

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YOUTH GROUPS, FEDERAL CANDIDATES TACKLE CLIMATE ISSUES ON SEPTEMBER 16TH

WANT THE YOUTH VOTE? PRIORITIZE CLIMATE CHANGE NOW: VILLANUEVA

In light of the upcoming federal election, the University of Winnipeg Filipino Students' Association (UWpgFSA) and Caring for Our Environment Manitoba (CEM) are holding a nonpartisan online discussion called, "*Young Manitobans and Political Parties Discussion on Achieving a Green and Climate-Resilient Economy*" on **Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM- 9:30PM CST.**

"Climate crisis is already happening, yet we are far from effectively mitigating climate change, locally and globally," said **Aira Villanueva, Co-President of UWpgFSA, Youth Engagement Committee Co-Chair of CEM, and Founder of E-Waste Manitoba.**

"We want leaders who will take this climate crisis seriously. You want our vote? Prioritize climate change now," Villanueva added.

"The Federal Election on September 20 presents a unique opportunity for young Manitobans to foster public awareness on the importance of addressing climate emergency," said **Jae Colado, Co-President of UWpgFSA.** "We hope to create an opportunity for dialogue between young Manitobans and the federal candidates on the key challenges of our time: fighting climate change, addressing climate injustices and better protecting our natural environment."

"We deserve leaders who care about the people and the planet over profit. It is crucial for young voters to know that their vote matters because politicians in power are given their seats by the masses," Collado said.

"We encourage every student and youth organization to participate in the event and let their voices be heard," said **Hazel Papelleras, Secretary of UWpgFSA and Youth Engagement Committee Co-Chair of CEM.** "We (youth) are very much concerned about our futures. We want a safe, just, sustainable and climate resilient future for everyone."

Federal Candidates Attending

Green Party - Douglas Hemmerling

Liberal Party - Paul Ong

New Democratic Party - Melissa Chung-Mowat

JOIN THE EVENT

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89356627920>

Meeting ID: 893 5662 7920

Passcode: 586171

List of participating youth and community organizations:

1. Anak Winnipeg Inc.
2. BIBAK Association of Manitoba
3. Canadian Federation of Students - Manitoba
4. Climate Reality Project - Winnipeg Climate Hub
5. E-Waste Manitoba
6. Filipino Music and Arts Association of Canada, inc (FMAACI)
7. Indigenous Students' Association - The University of Winnipeg
8. Filipino Canadian Students' Association
9. Let's Talk Science Volunteers
10. University of Winnipeg Chemistry Students Association
11. University of Winnipeg Physics Students Association
12. University of Winnipeg Biology Students Association
13. University of Winnipeg Science Students Association
14. University of Winnipeg Pre-Med Society
15. University of Winnipeg Neuroscience Students Association
16. University of Winnipeg International Students' Union
17. University of Winnipeg Applied Computer Science Student Association
18. University of Winnipeg Geography and Environmental Student Association
19. University of the Philippines Alumni and Associates (UPAA-MB)
20. UMEarth
21. Prairie Asian Organization

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG FILIPINO STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (UWPGFSA)

The UWpgFSA was established last September 2020. Our group serves to promote and celebrate Filipino culture and heritage through cultural events for Filipino-Canadian/University of Winnipeg students.

ABOUT CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT MANITOBA (CEM)

Established in 2017, Caring for our Environment Manitoba (CEM) Inc., a registered non-profit organization in Manitoba, aims to promote knowledge and solutions to environment and sustainability issues within the Filipino community and the broader society to enable them to make informed choices and make a difference in their community.

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