



OUR VISION

Empowered people acting on environmental, social and health values.

OUR MISSION

WHEN works with communities on prevention initiatives, addressing environmental links to health.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Supporting environmental and social consciousness to mobilize communities for preventative action.

Recognizing that the natural environment and human action are part of an interconnected ecosystem.

Leveraging the local knowledge and experience of women as a catalyst for change.

Engaging communities in manners that acknowledge social inequality and strive for inclusivity.

Acting in ways that are collaborative and respectful.

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Taking Action for Prevention



ABOUT WHEN

Since its inception in 1994, Women's Healthy Environments Network (WHEN) has been educating the public, media and policy makers about the role that environmental factors play in public health.

WHEN actively promotes the primary prevention of environmentally linked health disorders such as cancer, asthma and immune system related conditions. WHEN advocates for the reduction of toxic emissions; a shift to safe production models; biological agricultural and lawn care; more efficient, renewable energy sources; affordable public transportation and more.

WHEN organizes and participates on many different levels in a variety of activities related to its mission. Information is disseminated through film screenings, workshops, courses, public meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and displays.

WHEN is based at the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto. CSI is a social enterprise with a mission to catalyze social change. It provides work spaces, meeting spaces, and learning spaces that connect people within a building committed to energy-efficient design principles.

WHEN uses a variety of educational tools and programs to engage the public and educate audiences about the links between environmental toxins and human health.

FILMS

WHEN volunteers use documentary films to stimulate dialogue and foster greater awareness of the issues.

Exposure: Environmental links to Breast Cancer (and its accompanying resource guide, *Taking Action for a Healthy Future*) was launched at the first World Conference on Breast Cancer in 1997. It was recognized as Best Health Documentary at the New York Independent Film Festival in 2001, and was nominated for a Gemini award. It is available in eight languages.

Toxic Trespass, a film about children's health and the environment, explores the complex web of connections between environmental degradation and its impact on children's health. The film highlights what community activists, health professionals and other citizens are doing to bring about personal, social, and policy change. www.toxictrespass.com

WORKSHOPS

WHEN organizes participatory workshops using film screenings as a springboard for lively discussion on how to take action for prevention in your community. If you know of a group or organization that would like a WHEN workshop, contact us!

PARTNERSHIPS

Ontario Clean Air Alliance - The OCAA campaigns for the complete phase-out of Ontario's four coal-fired power plants, which would significantly reduce the amount of deadly airborne toxins such as mercury, cadmium, arsenic, and lead.

Toronto Environmental Alliance - This multi-sector partnership successfully campaigned for the creation of a toxics disclosure policy, known as the Community Right to Know bylaw.

Prevent Cancer Now - A Canada-wide movement to generate both the resolve and action required to eliminate preventable causes of cancer.

SUGGESTED READING

Cancer: 101 Solutions to a Preventable Epidemic (2007)
Liz Armstrong, Guy Dauncey,
Anne Wordsworth

Silent Spring
(40th Anniversary Edition, 2002)
Rachel Carson

Living Downstream: An ecologist looks at cancer and the environment (1997)
Sandra Steingraber

Slow Death by Rubber Duck (2009)
Rick Smith, Bruce Lourie, Sarah Dopp