

Toxics use reduction (TUR) activities in Canada -- People and organisations

3.3 Provincial/Territorial focus - British Columbia

Note: For a variety of reasons, this list does not properly reflect the activities of First Nations who are dealing with air, land and water pollution that affects the health of their peoples, the wildlife in their communities and the fish in their waters.

Mines, particularly abandoned ones, are key sources of contamination and controversy. First Nations affected, advocating

for changes and/or opposing new operations include Tl'azt'en, Takla Lake, Nak'azdli (all three are part of [Carrier Sekani Tribal Council](#)), Xení Gwet'in (aka Nemiah), Wet'suwet'en. Hydro project flooding also has led to toxic contaminants affecting communities such as Tsay Kay Dene, Kwadacha and Cheslatta.

Many of these First Nations have staff or consultants working on these issues. However, it was not possible to have proper conversations with them or others representing the First Nations during the time available for this scan. Some sense of the issues involved can be found in documents from the [First Nations Environmental Health Innovation Network](#) and other Aboriginal health organisations listed in the national category of people and organisations.

Organisation	Contact person(s)	Address	Phone	Website and/or e-mail	Description	Purpose	TUR/cancer prevention activity/ies	Members	Work(ed) with/Member of (examples)	Keywords
British Columbia Environmental & Occupational Health Research Network	Pat Atherton, Executive Director Also see list for others to contact.		250-216-7290	http://www.bceohrn.ca E-mail: patherton(at)bceohrn.ca	Set up in 2005, includes researchers, students/trainees and users of research. Currently 900+ members, most in British Columbia. Strategic goals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved collaborative research, research capacity and funding student support improved knowledge transfer. Provides information about BC-based and other research in occupational and environmental health, grant writing help, mentorship and training available. Special interest groups being set up. Policy makers' roundtable discussions and web-based seminars available.	Facilitate interdisciplinary occupational and environmental health research. Connect and support people to create excellence in education and research results' dissemination. Foster truly provincial network that creates new efficiencies, partnerships and opportunities to make BC a magnet for training, attracting and retaining top quality researchers.	Sharing resources from conference presentations (e.g. mapping Aboriginal communities' exposures to environmental contaminants and linking data for occupational health research). "Grey literature" database (environmental and occupational health-related documents produced in BC that are not in traditional academic information sources, such as government, industry and NGO reports) and wiki .			Academic Cancer Chemicals Environment Health Network Occupation Research Training/ workshops Workplaces

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British Columbia Environmental Network (BCEN)	Annelise Sorg, Executive Director	2474 Bowker Ave. Victoria, British Columbia V8R 2G1	250-361-1876 F: 250-361-1877	http://www.ecobc.org/ E-mail: editor(at)ecobc.org	Provincial network of BC community-based non-profit organisations. Works on environmental issues and solutions to environmental problems. Part of the Canadian Environmental Network. Facilitates communication among member and non-member environmental groups and coalitions, other sectors, and individuals independently working on environmental issues.	Strengthen activist voice for environmental responsibility in British Columbia.	Members only pages include environment, labour, legal and industry news.	Wide range from community-based and Aboriginal to labour, environmental and conservation groups. See list on website.		Air quality Chemicals Environment Health Mining Network Pesticides and alternatives Research Surveillance Training/ workshops Waste Water quality
British Columbia Lung Association	Scott McDonald, Executive Director	2675 Oak St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6H 2K2	604-731-LUNG (5864) 800-665-LUNG (5864) F: 604-731-5810	http://www.bc.lung.ca/ E-mail: info(at)bc.lung.ca	Non-profit volunteer-based health charity supporting lung health research, education, prevention and advocacy. Works with Canadian and provincial Lung Associations. Focus on indoor and outdoor air quality, smoking and full range of lung diseases. Set up multi-agency Air Quality and Health Committee to develop tools and inform policies to reduce effects of air pollution on human health, ecosystems and visibility in BC.	Lead provincial and international lung health initiatives, prevent lung disease, help people manage lung disease and promote lung health.	Work-related asthma information. State of the air report 2008 , snapshot of provincial air quality, information about pollutants of greatest concern for human health and actions underway in BC to address issues. Other reports about air quality, inside and out. Air quality and health workshop materials and Air Quality and Health Committee. Air quality health index. Clean Air Coalition.		Other Lung Associations Heart and Stroke Foundation of British Columbia & Yukon	Air quality Cancer Chemicals Environment Health NGO Occupation Research Respiratory diseases Smoking Training/ workshops

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British Columbia Nurses Union (BCNU)	Lara Acheson	4060 Regent St. Burnaby, British Columbia V5C 6P5	604-433-2268 800-663-9991 F: 604-433-7945 888-284-2222	http://www.bcnu.org E-mail: lacheson(at)bcnu.org	British Columbia-based union represents 23,000 members divided into 16 regions. Includes registered and licensed graduate nurses. Health and safety department does workshops, produces fact sheets, etc. about toxic substances and preventing/reducing exposures to them.	Protects and advances health, social and economic well-being of members and our communities. Vision is that by 2012 will have effectively championed better work life, health and economic status for members, be recognized as a leading advocate for the publically-funded health care system.	Training materials include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxins in environment (how to identify and reduce toxic product use, promote alternates) • Health care facility audit • PBDEs –new global toxins (Fact sheet and petition to ban toxic flame retardants) Fact sheets including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stopping chemical trespass, an issue for nurses • Reducing toxins: check MSDS, review ingredients • Making the change towards safer, healthier cleaners • Protecting patient health, reducing the use of PVC 	British Columbia Federation of Labour Toxics Free Canada	Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health Health care Indoor air quality Labour Occupation Right-to-know Training/workshops Workplaces	
BuildSmart		4330 Kingsway Burnaby, British Columbia V5H 4G8	604-451-6575	http://www.metrovancouver.org/buildsmart/Pages/default.aspx E-mail: buildsmart(at)metrovancouver.org	Program developed and administered by Metro Vancouver to encourage green and sustainable building practices. Provides materials, advice, workshops.	Encourage use of green building strategies and technologies.	Building materials selection best practices and more. Information about indoor air quality for sustainable buildings, case studies from Vancouver and beyond, product/services directory (including criteria for low toxicity products to prevent air quality problems), resources for construction, demolition and renovation. Workshops.		Case studies Chemicals Environment Government Green building Green purchasing Health Indoor air quality Training/workshops Workplaces	

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Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division	Kathryn Seely, Public issues manager	565 West 10th Ave. Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 4J4	604-872-4400 800 663-2524 F: 604-872-4113 Seely: 604-675-7108	www.bc.cancer.ca E-mail: reception565(at)bc.cancer.ca; kseely(at)bc.cancer.ca	Division of the national Canadian Cancer Society, a community-based organization of volunteers. Works with patients, researchers and others to prevent and research cancer.	Eradicate cancer and help those living with the disease. Prevention goals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop Centre for Cancer Prevention in partnership with University of British Columbia • more emphasis on hazards of work-place and environmental cancer-causing substances (carcinogens) • target interventions to under-served groups of people. Other goals involve research and support for those with cancer.	Advocating for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provincial cosmetic pesticides ban law • product labelling • tobacco control Support national public issues office (e.g. radon, asbestos).		Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Canadian Lung Association Clean Air Coalition David Suzuki Foundation Heart and Stroke Foundation Toxics Free Canada	Air quality Asbestos Cancer Chemicals Environment Health NGO Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Research Right-to-know Smoking Training/ workshops
Centre for Integral Economics	Donna Morton, Executive Director	PO Box 42076, 2200 Oak Bay Ave. Victoria, British Columbia V8R 6T4	250-880-1430 F: 250-598-9921	http://www.integraleconomics.org E-mail: info(at)integraleconomics.org	Non-profit looking for ways to use power of market tools and economic policies to reach goals. Specialize in building tools, partnerships and communications for change (e.g., Municipal Tax Shifting Program). Developing/testing comprehensive, accessible and useful toolkit, including tax modelling tool and supporting materials for local governments.	Promotes innovative, market-based solutions reconciling economic prosperity, social justice and environmental integrity.	“Sustainability Indicators: Framework and recommendations” for BC Environmental Network Consulting services about sustainability issues.		Ashoka Foundation Canada VanCity and Coast Capital Credit Unions Tides Canada, Luna, Laidlaw, Threshold, Endswell and Vancouver Foundations City of Victoria City of Winnipeg	Economics Environment Health NGO Research Training/ workshops

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Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (CIRS)		445 - 2202 Main Mall University of British Columbia Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1Z4	604-822-9376 F: 604-822-9250	http://www.cirs.ubc.ca/ E-mail: lfrancis(at)ires.ubc.ca	Opening in 2010 on UBC downtown site. Creating research program intended to demonstrate sustainable practice and contribute to commercialization of sustainability. Centre building will be a "living laboratory" pushing frontiers of sustainable construction materials and building techniques -- radically reducing emissions, materials consumption, energy use and water use.	Research, collaboration and outreach that lead to workable solutions for challenges of urban sustainability. Work with users to do this.	Putting ideas in to practice using research clusters . Developing tools for modeling, visualisation and community engagement.	University of British Columbia Simon Fraser University (SFU) Emily Carr University of Art+Design (EC) British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Private, public and NGO partners,		Academic Air quality Environment Green building Health Occupation Research Training/ workshops
Clean Air Coalition	Jack Boomer, Director		604-731-5864 800-665-5864	http://www.cleanaircoalitionbc.com/ E-mail: info(at)cleanaircoalitionbc.com	Coalition of two British Columbia-based health groups. Uses advocacy and education to help people stop smoking, prevent exposure to second-hand smoke and prevent children and young people from starting to use tobacco products.	Reduce harm caused by tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke. Raise public awareness about serious health risks of exposure to second-hand smoke. Advocate for smoke-free environments for workers and public.	Imagine! A smoke-free BC campaign. Smoke-Free Housing in Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) Initiative. Cessation aids for employees. Smoke-free homes and cars.	Heart and Stroke Foundation of British Columbia & Yukon British Columbia Lung Association		Coalition Environment Health Indoor air quality Occupation Smoking Training/ workshops Workplaces
EcoDesign Resource Society		Vancouver, British Columbia		http://www.vcn.bc.ca/edrs/ E-mail: edrs(at)4sustainability.com	Not-for-profit, non-political, professionally-oriented group promoting environmentally responsible ('green') design, planning and development practices through research, education and communication. Currently acts as local network to share information about green design through list-serve. Other activities postponed pending identification of new direction, a new Board and the re-casting of EDRS.	Assist public and design, building and manufacturing industries to make informed, sustainability-supportive and responsible choices through range of activities.	Green Design primer for school resource tool and as an introduction to green design for the public. Links to other sites about green buildings, chemistry and roofs; interior design (with some product information); and related resources.			Environment Green building Green chemistry Health Schools Training/ workshops

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Environmental Health Association of British Columbia		PO Box 30033, Saanich Centre Victoria, British Columbia V8X 5E1	250-658-2027	http://www.ehabc.org/ E-mail: info(at)ehabc.org	Volunteer organisation of people with environmental illness, also known as environmental sensitivities or multiple chemical sensitivities. (Formerly Ecological Health Alliance, Allergy & Environmental Health Association of Canada British Columbia Branch.) Offers information, resources, referrals, networking and mutual support.	Raise awareness to prevent environmental illness. Promote awareness about environmental conditions, products and procedures that can harm human health and well-being.	Resources about: • healthy housing • mould • pesticides		Environmental Health Association of Ontario Environmental Health Association of Quebec Environmental Health Association of Nova Scotia (EHANS)	Chemicals Environment Environmental illness Health Household products Housing NGO Pesticides and alternatives Training/ workshops
Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC		400 - 550 West 6th Ave. Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 1A1	604-873-8988 F: 604-873-8865	http://www.fpse.ca/ E-mail: info(at)fpse.ca	Provincial voice for faculty and staff in British Columbia colleges, university colleges and institutes and private sector institutions. (Formerly the College Institute Educators' Association of BC.) Locals represent more than 10,000 faculty and staff. Has workplace health, safety and environment committee.	Further the interests of post-secondary educators. Represent and bargain for its members.	Policy passed at 2007 annual meeting to: • support efforts to eliminate / reduce use of toxic chemicals and pesticides • provide educational materials / factsheets about safer alternatives to toxic chemicals, pesticides, and cleaning products • support full disclosure and hazard identification in labeling products used in workplace Scent-free policy.	Locals in the province.	Toxics Free Canada	Academic Chemicals Cleaners Environment Health Labour Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Right-to-know Training/ workshops Workplaces

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Georgia Strait Alliance	Christianne Wilhelmson, Managing Director	607 - 207 West Hastings St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1H7	604-633-0530 Skype: cwilhelmsn	www.GeorgiaStrait.org E-mail: gsa(at)georgiastrait.org	Citizen's group focused since 1990 on protecting marine environment in and around Strait of Georgia, using education, advocacy and hands-on stewardship. Works to reduce toxic chemicals in homes, bodies and marine environment; provides practical alternatives and solutions. For 20 years, advocated for better sewage treatment to reduce introduction of chemicals in Strait of Georgia.	Protect and restore marine environment. Promote sustainability of Georgia Strait, adjoining waters and communities.	Clean Air & Water Program includes sewage campaigns, ToxicSmart program to reduce use and effects of toxic chemicals at home, in garden, on the water and for general environment, pesticide and chlorine alternatives, activities about oil and gas and pulp and paper industries. Green boating pro-gram includes Clean Marine BC : Marina recognition program and best practices guide. Materials about ship pollution and marine safety .	Individuals, organisations and businesses .	Organizing for change (coalition)	Chemicals Environment Health Household products NGO Pesticides and alternatives Training/ workshops Waste Water quality
Green Workplace	See list on website	522 - 119 West Pender St. Vancouver British Columbia V6B 1S5	604-687-2929 888-684-2929	http://www.greenworkplace.ca E-mail: info(at)greenworkplace.ca	Trademark of Sustainable Community Enterprises Inc. (SCE), grew out of Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) program. Young environmental professionals provide training and assessments that include solid waste and recycling, workplace chemicals use and comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions.	Fee-for-service consulting about "greening" workplaces and environmental skills training.	Chemicals assessment (see sample report). Green Office Champions Seal of Good Practice .			Business Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health Occupation Training/ workshops Workplaces
Heart and Stroke Foundation of British Columbia & Yukon		200 - 1212 West Broadway Vancouver, British Columbia V6H 3V2 Other offices in province and Whitehorse.	604-736-4404 F: 604-736-8732	http://www.heartandstroke.bc.ca E-mail: See form on website	Part of volunteer-based national organization. Supports and works with national office on campaigns, education and research efforts.	Leads in eliminating heart disease and stroke and reducing their impact through: • advancement of research and its application, • promotion of healthy living • advocacy	Clean Air Coalition .		British Columbia Lung Association	Air quality Environment Health NGO Research Training/ workshops

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Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH)		301 – 1195 West Broadway Vancouver, British Columbia V6H 3X5	778-328-8000 877-328-7810 F: 778-328-8001	http://www.ohsah.bc.ca E-mail: info(at)ohsah.bc.ca	Health and safety organisation set up in 1998 by BC health care employers and unions. Academics and government agencies now also involved. Works using: research and evaluation; collaboration; education and training; innovation; and programme facilitation. Developed joint health and safety committee education and training. Worked on other projects ranging from ergonomics to protecting healthcare workers from infectious diseases, and preventing violent and aggressive behaviour.	Reducing health care workers' workplace injuries and illnesses and returning injured workers to jobs quickly and safely.	Research about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cleaning products and alternatives (e.g., high level disinfectants, home care workers' exposure to cleaning by-products) exposure to anti-neoplastic drugs and methods to reduce it hospital exposures that may lead to cancer. Home and Community Care Risk Assessment Tool Resource Guide. MSDS database. Tips and tools include materials about latex allergies .			Agency Cancer Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health Health care Labour Occupation Research Training/ workshops Waste Workplaces
Pacific Marine Analysis and Research Association (PacMARA)	Henry Kucera, Executive Director	Suite G7, Sussex Place 1001 Douglas St. Victoria, British Columbia V8W 2C5	250-382-8460 F: 250-382-8469	http://www.pacmara.org E-mail: info(at)pacmara.org	Non-profit research organisation taking impartial, non-advocacy approach to work about British Columbia's marine ecosystem. Also maintains broader perspective to put projects in context. List-serve of more than 150 members with cross-section of interests.	Provide government, First Nations, businesses, NGOs and community groups with information required for eco-system-based approach to marine decisions in BC. Develop and encourage use of collaborative cross-disciplinary marine science in ecosystem-based decision-making.	Data Gaps Inventory is identifying marine system data currently available in BC, where they are, where knowledge gaps lie. Emphasis on geo-referenced datasets or information that can be used in GIS work. Marxan conservation planning tool and related documents.		World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada	Chemicals Environment Research Waste Water quality
Paper Choice Ltd.		Box 224 Gabriola, British Columbia V0R 1X0	250-247-7950 800-567-4055 F: 250-247-7951	http://www.paperchoice.ca E-mail: info(at)paperchoice.ca	Family-owned and operated business. Sells environmental stationery products. Includes 100% recycled paper with high post-consumer fibre content; most are unbleached or non-chlorine bleached.	Selling and promoting environmental papers. Informing people about issues related to paper-making.	Paper Choice buyers club.		Reach for Unbleached	Business Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health

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People's Action Committee for Healthy Air (PACHA)	Dave Fuller, President	Prince George, British Columbia	250-617-7467 250-565-4487 (report infractions)	http://www.pachapg.ca E-mail: see website.	Citizens watchdog and action group about air quality in city. Educates public about existence of air quality problem and its harmful effects. Investigates air quality issues, compiles research, analyzes, interprets and makes information public. Participates in processes to improve city's air quality. Builds relationships with government, industry and other organizations.	Effect improved air quality in Prince George air shed through advocacy, education, research, collaboration, etc. Promote understanding of environmental and economic impacts of airshed activities and policies on air quality.	Offers opportunity for citizens to report air quality infraction . Investigates air quality issues. Pushes for higher standards (better targets) for air Focus on reducing particulates.	More than 1,000, mostly in and around Prince George.	Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable	Air quality Chemicals Environment Health NGO Surveillance Training/ workshops
Pesticide Free Columbia Valley Coalition	Rachel Darvill, Upper Columbia Program Co-ordinator, Wildsight	PO Box 663 Golden, British Columbia V0A 1H0	250-344-4961	http://www.pesticidefreecolumbiavalley.ca/ E-mail: info(at)pesticidefreecolumbiavalley.ca	Expanding coalition of concerned citizens, organizations and businesses from Invermere, Golden and nearby communities. District of Invermere passed cosmetic pesticide by-law in February, 2009.	Cosmetic pesticide-free Columbia Valley, creating healthier communities and environment for citizens.	Cosmetic pesticide ban.	See list on website.		Children Coalition Environment Health Pesticides and alternatives Training/ workshops
Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable	Daniela Fisher, Air Quality Management Coordinator	505 4th Ave, Prince George, British Columbia V2L 3H2	Tel: 250-649-9114 F: 250-561-7793	http://www.pgairquality.com/ E-mail: dfisher(at)pgairquality.com	Non-profit collaborative, community-based organization. Government, industry, First Nations, community groups, general public and University of Northern British Columbia representatives. Makes recommendations and works towards consensus about local air quality issues. Provides information about City clean air by-law, health effects of air pollutants and reports/presentations done for Roundtable.	Research, monitor and implement air quality changes to improve local quality of life. Guided by principles: • acceptable air quality is everyone's right; protecting it is everyone's responsibility • acceptable air quality contributes to a healthy community and sustainable economy. • all stake-holders and general public must work together, to do their part to achieve acceptable air quality.	Working to reduce particulate emissions, with renewed focus on total reduced sulphur (TRS) and other odorous emissions. Reports about air quality, air pollution mortality burden, estimating source "apportionment". Short, medium and long term targets for all significant sources of fine particulates , priority to sources not using best available control technology. Air quality index .	See explanation on website .		Air quality Chemicals Environment Health Research Surveillance

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Reach for Unbleached	Delores Broten	P.O. Box 1270, Comox, British Columbia V9M 7Z8	250-339-6117	http://www.rfu.org E-mail: reach(at)rfu.org	National foundation focused on consumer education and pulp mill monitoring. Promoted clean paper through the Office Paper Buying Club, now run by Paper Choice, Markets Initiative and Environmental Paper Network . Promotes clean paper, clean production and pollution prevention.	Chlorine-free, zero-discharge pulp mills -- clean, healthy environment, clean paper and safe, sustainable jobs. Empower citizens to change technology by which paper is made, using consumer education and accurate scientific information.	Materials about clean production and pollution prevention , health effects of pulp industry. Office paper guide . Clean paper consumer information .		Environmental Paper Network	Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health NGO Occupation Waste Workplaces
Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)		2150 Maple St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 3T3	604-736-7732 F: 604-736-7115	http://www.spec.bc.ca E-mail: admin(at)spec.bc.ca	Non-profit organisation addressing environmental issues in British Columbia. Focuses on urban communities in Lower Mainland and Georgia Basin. Projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • air and water quality • solid and liquid waste reduction • pesticides and toxics • protecting marine habitats and drinking water • recycling • energy conservation and renewable energy • transportation Greenpages list organisations involved, by topic.	Educate, activate and empower citizens in Lower Mainland and Georgia Basin to reduce their ecological footprint and build healthy, sustainable cities.	Real Environmental Alternatives to Pesticides (REAP) project. Battery recycling project. Air quality activities and resources.			Air quality Chemicals Children Environment Health NGO Pesticides and alternatives Waste Water quality

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Sustainability Purchasing Network (SPN)	Carol Boutin, Program manager	Fraser Basin Council 1st Floor, 470 Granville St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1V5		http://www.buysmartbc.com E-mail: cboutin(at)fraserbasin.bc.ca	Not-for-profit organization set up in 2005 as program of Fraser Basin Council. Supports businesses, government agencies, and NGOs to develop and improve sustainable purchasing practices. Services include business case trends information, best practices, case studies, learning circles, workshops, buying clubs, forum, newsletter and technical help.	Foster a sustainability-inspired economy by helping organizations build sustainability purchasing capacity through outreach, collaboration, and training.	Tendering Toolkit Links to useful resources in Canada and elsewhere, including home-grown case studies .	Current participation represents range of purchasing organizations (e.g., businesses, co-operatives, business associations, not-for-profits, governments, labour unions, public sector organisations, and academic institutions).		Business Case studies Environment Green purchasing Health NGO Training/ workshops Workplaces
Sustainability Solutions Group	Members list.	#109-5 West Pender St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1R3 837 rue Gilford Montréal, Québec H2J 1P1 11 Alex Cox Rd. Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia B0K 1V0	604 484 4504 514 504 4011 250 213 9029	http://www.sustainabilitysolutions.ca E-mail: info (at) sustainabilitysolutions.ca	Worker co-operative sees sustainability as a process. Using it as a lens, seeks human-driven solutions to create integrated and effective approach to address challenges including climate change, economic and social inequities, human health, eco-system decline, and sustainable community development.	Nurtures and embodies holistic understanding of sustainability. Works to integrate social, ecological and economic practices in their organisations and work.	Sustainable Purchasing Strategy is one of several services. Toolbox includes full-cost and life cycle accounting. Resources include sewage treatment report and Sustainable Campuses reporting system.		British Columbia Co-operative Association Canada Green Building Council Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation Also see list of clients .	Business Chemicals Environment Green building Green purchasing Health Training/ workshops Water quality Workplaces

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Toxic Free Canada (TFC)	Mae Burrows Sean Griffin	1203 - 207 West Hastings St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1H7	604-669-1921 F: 604-696-9627	http://www.toxicfreecanada.ca/ http://www.leas.ca (using former name) E-mail: mburrows(at)telus.net; seang(at)telus.net	Network of environmental, labour and health groups. New voice of Labour Environmental Alliance Society (LEAS). Has Ontario and Quebec branches. Does workshops, publishes materials and develops campaigns about pesticides, other toxic chemicals, right-to-know, toxics use reduction, labelling, cancer, etc. in workplaces, homes, communities and general environment.	Create alliances and initiatives that promote healthy workplaces, healthy homes and communities and a healthy environment. Do using principles of precaution, environmental sustainability and social justice.	Publications and information include CancerSmart Consumer Guide (also available in French), toxins in household products , endocrine disruptors , Chemical Trespass Learning Resource Guide for schools and toxic-free Aboriginal communities . Reported results of working with New Westminster School District and others, in Training for a non-toxic workplace and published Cleaners and toxins guide . Campaigns to ban use and sale of cosmetic pesticides in B.C. and for right-to-know about ingredients and hazards of household products (federal government labelling law) and toxins in the community .	Includes: Canadian Union of Public Employees Wilderness Committee British Columbia Government Employees Union Canadian Autoworkers Union United Steelworkers Western Canada Wilderness Committee	Canadian Cancer Society David Suzuki Foundation Option Consommateurs Seton Lake Indian Band	Air quality Asbestos Cancer Chemicals Children Cleaners Environment First Nations Green jobs Green purchasing Health Household products Labour Mining NGO Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Research Right-to-know Schools Toxics use reduction Training/workshops Waste Workplaces
Upholstery Arts	Len Laycock, President	Office and Production: 1360 3rd Ave. E. Vancouver, British Columbia V5N 5R8 Showroom: 2430 Burrard St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 5L3	Office and production: 604-637-6441 866-940-7632 F: 604-637-6451 Showroom: 604-731-9020 F: 604-731-9026	http://www.upholsteryarts.ca E-mail: via http://www.upholsteryarts.ca/contact	Makes furniture using environmentally certified lumber, non-toxic glues, stains, and finishes and padding made of wool and natural latex. (See information at http://www.upholsteryarts.ca/fna) Uses four design principles (including that products shall be safely borrowed from, and later returned to, our earth and not harm human beings, present and future).	Use cradle to cradle approach to produce sustainable and unique furniture.	Non-toxic, environmentally-friendly furniture (e.g., chromium free, plant dyed and biodegradable leather). Emphasis on harmless, renewable material choices and rejecting ubiquitous toxic and carcinogenic materials widely used to make furniture.			Business Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health Household products

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West Coast Environmental Law		200 - 2006 West 10th Ave. Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 2B3	604-684-7378 800 330-WCEL (in B.C.) F: 604-684-1312	http://www.wcel.org E-mail: admin(at)wcel.org	Since 1974, using legal advice, education and advocacy, provides citizens and organisations with knowledge, tools and innovative solutions to protect environment and build sustainability locally, nationally and internationally. Deals with climate change, air and water pollution, pesticides, development, First Nations environments, oil, gas, mining, forestry, and more. Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund helps environmental and community groups use law to better protect the environment. Publications and library can be searched on-line for materials.	Empowering citizens to participate in all aspects of environmental decision-making.	Work on regulations about pulp mill effluent, water, contaminated sites and research about it and waste management. Growing green project about sustainable agriculture. Pesticides and you booklets: health information , farms and homes ; first two also in Spanish and Punjabi. Also about pesticides and law . Sustainable building information in Green Buildings Guide and Green Infrastructure Guide . Legal documents such as Clean Air Bylaws Guide and Smart Bylaws Guide for urban development.			Agriculture Chemicals Environment First Nations Green building Health Household products Legal NGO Pesticides and alternatives Research Training/workshops Waste Water quality
Western Canada Wilderness Committee	Andrea Reimer Joe Foy	Mail: 227 Abbott St. Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 2K7 For other offices , see website.	604-683-8220 F: 604-683-8229	http://www.wildernesscommittee.org E-mail: info(at)wildernesscommittee.org	Largest membership-based, citizen-funded wilderness preservation organization in Canada. Offices in four provinces. Activities include linking loss of natural biodiversity, epidemic levels of serious illnesses and pervasiveness of products containing toxic chemicals in homes, communities and workplaces.	Research, publish, distribute information about threatened Canadian wilderness and wildlife to build broad public support for their preservation.	Toxins and the Northwest Orcas , how to prevent effects and related documents Turn the Tide 1 and Turn the Tide 2 . Cosmetic pesticide bans. Turning the Tide update 2006 .		Ecojustice Toxics Free Canada	Chemicals Environment First Nations Health Household products Mining NGO Training/workshops Water quality Wildlife

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Wildsight	John Bergenske, Executive Director	2 - 495 Wallinger Ave. Kimberley, British Columbia V1A 1Z6	250-427-9325 F: 888-408-0385	http://www.wildsight.ca Email: office(at)wildsight.ca	<p>Founded as East Kootenay Environmental Society in 1987. Conservation organisation now focused on southern Canadian Rocky Mountains, upper Columbia River Valley and Columbia Mountains.</p> <p>Run range of campaigns and programs. Involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advocacy • strengthening ties with other sector groups, First Nations and Industry to ensure broad support for environmental protection • effective participation in government/ community processes • outreach programs, media campaigns and educational programs for schools and public • partnering with other environmental organisations • co-ordinating research 	Maintain biodiversity and healthy human communities in Canada's Columbia and Rocky Mountains eco-regions.	<p>Flathead Valley: plan that precludes mining activities and sets up nature sanctuary.</p> <p>Energy and Mining program, particularly open pit coal mining and coalbed methane extraction plans.</p> <p>Pesticide reduction.</p> <p>Air quality.</p>		<p>Columbia Headwaters Living Lakes Network Y2Y</p> <p>The Mountain Caribou Project Conservation Northwest ForestEthics</p>	<p>Air quality</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Mining</p> <p>NGO</p> <p>Pesticides and alternatives</p> <p>Research</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Training/ workshops</p> <p>Water quality</p> <p>Wildlife</p>