

'Story of Switch to Green'

The United Nations Association of Australia (ACT) initiated this event as a way to increase understanding of the implications of climate change for our region and to showcase practical ways we can reduce our carbon emissions and avoid dangerous climate change. We are pleased to work with our co-hosts to build momentum towards a carbon neutral Canberra and do our bit to protect our children's future.



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Green Lounge Program

FRIDAY

Time	Title	Synopsis
10:00 - 10:45	Measuring your ecological footprint	This workshop will teach you how to measure your ecological footprint and then show you the simple ways in which you can reduce your footprint at home. Presenters: <i>Rachael Millsom</i> - ACT otherWISE, <i>Penny Cilento</i> - Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT)
11:00 - 12:45	Making your school sustainable	In this session, schools in the ACT region will share what they have achieved to help their school save money and be more sustainable. Facilitator: <i>Vaness Whelan</i> - Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative ACT
13:00 - 13:45	Switch to Greenchoice	Join the other 10,000 Greenchoice customers and learn more about how you can invest in renewable energy generation simply by choosing a Greenchoice plan. Presenter: <i>Ayesha Razzaq</i> - Manager Wholesale & Product Development, ActewAGL
14:00 - 15:30	Can the ACT weather the change?	Join this workshop to discuss how can we best work together to address climate change challenges and opportunities in the ACT? What are the respective roles of government, businesses, researchers, community groups and citizens? (Please note. Switch to Green Conference delegates will have priority seating) Facilitator: <i>Valerie Brown</i> - Nature & Society Forum <i>Rob Thorman</i> - Director of Sustainability Programs & Projects, ACT Government <i>Trish Harrup</i> - Director, Conservation Council for the SE Region and Canberra, <i>Maxine Cooper</i> - Commissioner of Sustainability and the Environment
15:45 - 16:15	Finding and retrofitting a low energy home	Find out how you can find and renovate a low energy house. This seminar will include information on solar house design and how you can make your home more sustainable. Presenter: <i>Derek Wrigley</i> - Sustainable House Day

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16:30 - 17:00	Join the action in Canberra	Join the debate on climate change in Canberra. This session will discuss where are we up to, what are the opportunities, and what we need to be doing to address dangerous climate change in our own city. Presenter: <i>Genevieve Wauchope</i> - Conservation Council

SATURDAY

Time	Title	Synopsis
10:00 - 11:45	How can the ACT act on the changes?	Join this highly interactive workshop and help formalise a climate change action plan for the ACT. Be involved in the debate on what is the ideal plan of action, how we can all help reach that ideal, and what can we do right now? Facilitators: <i>Geoff Pryor</i> - Canberra Business Council, <i>Valerie Brown</i> - Nature & Society Forum
12:00 - 12:45	Working with solar as a community	Join this panel to hear how one inspirational community organisation has begun to work collectively to promote healthy people on a healthy planet. This session will discuss the benefits and barriers of going solar, as well as share the process they followed to organise a community bulk buy of solar technology. Presenters: Chaired by <i>Guy Cassis</i> - Jamison SEE-Change Member, <i>Vanessa Morris</i> - AI Gore Ambassador, <i>Jeff Knowles</i> - Solar Passive Home Owner, <i>Reiner Gartner</i> - Solar Technician and Journalist
13:00 - 13:45	Become solar grid connected	Over 480 tonnes of CO2 is already being saved every year with Solartec grid connect P.V systems on residential rooftops in Canberra. Learn how easy it is to go solar with new incentives in this educational demonstration from Canberra's most established renewable energy system designer and installer. Presenter: <i>Sophia Moody</i> - Solartec Renewables
14:00 - 14:45	Switch to Green transport!	Pedal Power aims to get more Canberrans cycling more often, for a better community. Change the way you travel to work by joining their Ride to Work program, and learn about the Bicycle Federation's bikes4work service, helping workplaces establish bike fleets. You will also pick up some handy tips from Taiwan for improving bicycle parking and public transport. Presenters: <i>Peter Strang</i> - Bicycle Federation of Australia, <i>Leon Arundell</i> - Pedal Power, <i>David Turbayne</i>
15:00 - 15:45	Taking action towards 50/50 by 2020	Originally designed to install micro renewable energy on all 305 surf clubs in Australia within two years, the LifeSaving Energy (LSE) concept is already spreading to fire brigades, schools and churches. The first step for Canberra may be a LSE Big Swim in Lake Burley Griffin. Come along and find out how you can help. Presenters: <i>Matthew Nott</i> , <i>Philippa Rowland</i> , <i>Sarah Povel</i> - Clean Energy for Eternity
16:00 - 16:45	Make your home a Green Home with the ACF	In this workshop you will learn how to help the environment by making simple changes to the way we live. Identify ways that you can green your home and lifestyle, from saving energy and water to cutting down on waste. Presenter: <i>Graham Tupper</i> - Australia Conversation Foundation

Please note that this programme may be subject to change