



The CRD Student Climate Challenge

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Background

During the 2011 Fall academic semester, the Ready, Set, Solve Challenge program was piloted in the capital region. For two months, eight student teams from Camosun College, the University of Victoria and Royal Roads University solved unique challenges put forth by their host organizations.

The program was offered again during the 2013 Winter semester. 18 student teams from a variety of fields of study at Camosun College, Royal Roads University and the University of Victoria solved unique challenges on behalf of their host organization. Results were in the form of surveys, informational events, research reports, maps, websites and more! All were judged by an independent committee and winners were celebrated at an awards ceremony in April 2013.

Examples: Hosts & Challenges

Past Challenge Hosts	Past Challenge Descriptions
Regional Planning, CRD	Explore community engagement options and develop recommendations to assist with consultation of local First Nations on the Regional Sustainability Strategy.
Township of Esquimalt	Create an inventory and map public access bicycle infrastructure in Esquimalt.
District of Metchosin	Develop a strategy for the rural community of Metchosin to engage and motivate residents to use sustainable transportation.
City of Victoria	Develop a strategy or assessment tool for rating the performance of Victoria's urban villages.
City of Victoria	Help design and develop plans for a one-week specialty summer camp called the "Youth Climate Action Camp".
Islands Trust	Calculate the carbon impact of employee commuter travel to our three office locations and suggest ideas for a corporate sustainable transportation program.
Islands Trust	Research and establish a local food purchasing policy for catering Islands Trust meetings.
Environmental Protection, CRD	Create a visual inventory and map showcasing examples of innovative rainwater management techniques (such as green roofs and rain gardens) in the capital region.
Camosun College	To reduce solid waste and increase waste diversion rates, design a series of tools to educate, inform and communicate with the Camosun College community.
University of Victoria	Help us eliminate paper towels from our campus waste stream.

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University of Victoria	Develop a master plan that will help to increase walking and cycling to and from campus.
Victoria Car Share Co-op	Develop a series of promotional videos on car sharing and its triple bottom line benefits.
Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre	Create an adult-focused educational program on how climate change affects our oceans for placement in the Ocean Discovery Centre.
Oaklands Community Centre	Help us further develop our natural playscape plan for children and families at Oaklands Neighbourhood House.
Habitat Acquisition Trust	Develop a GIS map of our 29 protected areas in order to help our organization identify priority green space acquisitions in the capital region.
Creatively United for the Planet	Produce an informational webpage on environmental living practices with photos, stories, profiles and tips for our 2013 festival and event.
Creatively United for the Planet	Develop a social media strategy for before, during and after the 2013 event.
Habitat for Humanity	Analyze business operations at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore Centre with a goal to improve efficiencies, divert more waste and contribute to the green economy.
Royal Roads University	With a goal to reduce energy use, develop a system for campus operations which links room booking information and occupancy with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) controls.
Earth Festival Society	Create a video to educate and encourage residents and tourists on Salt Spring Island to use car stops.
Reynolds Secondary School	The Reynolds Eco-Action Leaders group is seeking a creative plan to reduce transportation related GHG emissions associated with student and staff commuter travel and school-based special events.

Results

- [2011 Ready, Set, Solve Results Presentation \(PDF\)](#)
- [2013 Ready, Set, Solve Results Presentation \(PDF\)](#)

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The logo for the Capital Regional District (CRD) features the letters 'CRD' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a dark teal background that has a wavy, horizontal design. The 'C' and 'R' are connected, and the 'D' is separate. The overall design is modern and clean.