

We Must Act
for an
Environmentally
Sustainable
Future

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Part of the Solution**

The National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) is a family of 11 Component and 3 affiliate unions. Taken together we are one of the largest unions in Canada. Most of our 390,000 members work to deliver public services of every kind to the citizens of their home provinces. We also have a large and growing number of members who work for private businesses.

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The global community is facing the greatest challenge in its history. The stakes have never been higher. That is a struggle that the National Union cannot, and will not, sit idly by through. We will be part of the solution.

Every member of the National Union is affected by the crisis because every person living in Canada is affected. But our members are often on the front lines, often putting themselves at risk, struggling to provide services to people affected by climate change and climate disasters like fires and floods.

Our members deserve the strongest occupational health protections possible and the best training and equipment to allow them to do their jobs most effectively. They deserve mitigation policies from governments that will lessen the impact of climate-related emergencies and forward planning from government agencies to deal with the inevitable consequences of the climate damage already done: fires, floods, and droughts, and other forms of extreme weather.

Our members need the legal right to bring environmental issues to the bargaining table and to the workplace to ensure that working people have a say in all the issues listed here, and a say in making sure that our workplaces don't add to the environmental degradation.

However, it is going to be a long-term and multitiered struggle. No easy fixes. No short-term campaigns. No quick and easily implemented programs of action. No one-size-fits-all approach.

Instead, we need to create the capacity for us to intervene, to build a network of our activists across the country who can work on the environmental issues in their workplaces and their communities.

The overarching goals are the same. The local struggles and efforts will vary.

We know we are all up to the challenge. We have to be!



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- B. C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)
- Health Sciences Association of British Columbia (HSABC)
- Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)
- Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU)
- Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU)
- Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU)
- Canadian Union of Brewery and General Workers (CUBGW)
- New Brunswick Union of Public and Private Employees (NBU)
- Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union (NSGEU)
- PEI Union of Public Sector Employees (PEI UPSE)
- Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (NAPE)

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