

Greetings!

***"Climate change is not  
about climate.  
It's about everything you love."***



This is the concluding statement by Dr. Dan Dolderman in his TED Talk at the University of Toronto. He opens with a poignant story of how much his son loves certain sea creatures, species which may soon become extinct. If we think about everything we love we can all probably acknowledge that someone, or some thing, or some species, or some place is, has been, or will be adversely affected by climate change. [Here is his talk.](#)



He continues. "Inside this house (our Earth, our one and only home) is everything you love" He goes on to say what we all know: **Our house is on fire and we either**

**run or fight the fire.** Well, there's nowhere to run so we must fight. He advocates collective action and restoring "the heart of democracy so that corporations are not running our government."

The illustration above is by Sarah Lazarovic in her article ["Love in a Warm Climate."](#)



**Stories, insights  
and action for a  
world that works  
for all of us**

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*Justice is what love  
looks like in public.*

Cornel West

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### **Favorite Resources**

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**Helpful thoughts for Climate Solutionists**

**Can I really make a difference?**



This is the big question that introduces "[How to get past despair and into action on climate change.](#)" and the issue of "agency." Agency is described as "being able to do what you set out to do and believing you can succeed." It is both personal and collective. Many people, especially our younger generation, feel afraid, sad, anxious, angry, powerless, and helpless about climate change. Big polluters often urge consumers to take small personal actions, which can deflect attention from the need for large-scale policy interventions. That's where collective agency comes in. **"A critical mass of people can create societal tipping points that pressure industry and policymakers to move more quickly, safely, and equitably to implement policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions."** [Read the article here.](#)



### **Indigenous community organizer Ozawa Bineshi Albert speaks about climate justice activism**

In her TED Talk she speaks of **values** and **urgency** and the need for new frontline leadership. She also describes the community solutions that she has participated in. As long as corporations are running the government we are not going to see change. Here's where collective action steps in. [Her talk is here.](#)

## **News, Stories, and Positive Resources**



### **"Green Enlightenment" in South America**

Panama enacts Rights of Nature Law, guaranteeing the Natural World's "Right to Exist, Persist and Regenerate." Panama now joins Bolivia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico, among other countries, which have either issued court decisions, enacted laws or amended constitutions recognizing the legal rights of nature. [Read more here.](#)

Also, Chile is working to amend its constitution to address climate change and biodiversity. [Read the article here.](#)



### **Lego Rebels**

The creator of the "Lego Rebellion," modeled after the Extinction Rebellion, uses Legos to depict activists engaged in protecting the environment, and the truth. Because this is a game made of plastic the creator acknowledges, "The Lego Rebels are part of the problem, in the same way that human beings are part of the problem." It also shows that "no one is too small to make a difference." [Here's the article.](#)

### **SEC proposes disclosure rules about emissions**

### **Chocolate for your spirits**

There are a number of online news sources for upbeat, uplifting, positive stories of things going on in the world we don't hear about in mainstream media. Keep a balanced diet with these sources which I take in on a daily basis, along with a truffle. They are like chocolate for my spirits!

reasons  
to be **cheerful**

"[Reasons to be Cheerful](#)" is a non-profit educational group that reports good news. One example is "[How Oregon is Converting Poop Into Heat.](#)"

The  
**Optimist** daily

The "[Optimist Daily](#)" offers a variety of interesting and useful articles, some personal, some planetary.



"[Chop Wood, Carry Water](#)" by Jessica Craven offers a daily positive action we



The Securities and Exchange Commission, our country's top financial regulator, is expected to propose new disclosure rules that would require companies to report their contributions to

greenhouse gas emissions as well as how climate change might affect their businesses. SEC Chair Gary Gensler said, "When it comes to climate risk disclosures, investors increasingly want to understand the climate risks of the companies whose stock they own or might buy." [Read the article here.](#)

can take to promote positive legislation before Congress. She invariably has an upbeat introduction to her action for that day.

**FUTURE CRUNCH**

"[Future Crunch](#)" reports every other week on positive stories from around the world we will never hear about. Always uplifting to browse the list.

## Wisdom for Our Time



### *Maya Angelou*

When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.

## "Ode to Joy" Flash Mob performance in Odessa



2014 was another time of violence in Ukraine, though not nearly as brutal as now. This flash mob appeared and performed Beethoven's "[Ode to Joy](#)" at a market in Odessa.

*Wishing everyone a merry month of May  
Virginia / Gibi*



### My Column

Doing something for everything we love.

We don't have to think in terms of climate change; we can think in terms of protecting everything we love.

May peace prevail on Earth

