

HDLC/GREEN ECONOMY NETWORK ROUNDTABLE

The Hamilton and District Labour Council will be hosting an event to bring together Labour and Community partners in Hamilton to talk about the steps necessary to transform Hamilton to a Green Economy. The Green Economy Network is made up of Unions, ENGOs, and SJ Groups getting together to transform Canada one city at a time. This event is brought to you by the *Health & Safety/Workers' Compensation/Environment/Education Committee* of the Hamilton and District Labour Council.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5th – 5:30-9:00pm

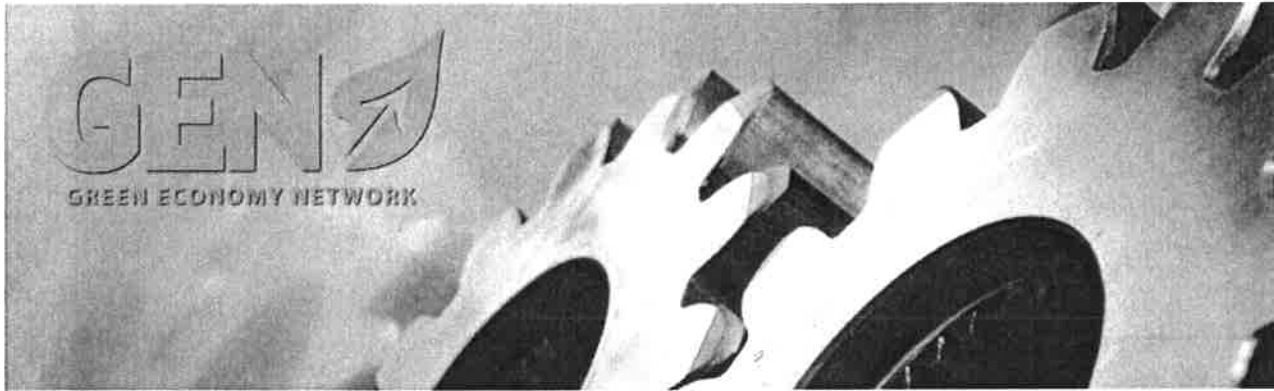
Hamilton and District Labour Council Office (upstairs)

Please register by going to <http://bit.ly/hdlcgen>

You may have to create an Eventbrite account to register online. If you have difficulties registering via the link, please email president-hdlc@cogeco.net.

Registration is limited to 30 people. A light dinner will be provided.

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Vision Statement

We have come together as members of unions, environmental and social justice organizations to form a common front of civil society groups for the building of a green economy in Canada. In so doing, we realize we are living in one of those critical moments of history wherein urgent decisions and actions must be taken that will ultimately affect our destiny as a people, a nation, and the planet itself.

We believe the time has come to chart a new model and direction for Canada's economy. This country can no longer afford an economic model that treats the natural environment and human beings as disposable goods. Instead, Canadians need to rethink our manufacturing processes, the way we use and generate energy, and the ways we construct our buildings. We need to rethink the way we transport ourselves, move goods, use water, fuel industries, and heat our homes and businesses. In doing so, we also need to break our addiction to fossil fuels and overcome the poverty and inequalities that plague our society. In short, we need to build a green economy that transforms the mode of production and consumption in our society, makes existing jobs more environmentally sustainable, and simultaneously creates new decent paying, full time, safe and healthy green jobs in all sectors of society, to address the pressing economic and social inequalities of our time.

Although both the public and private sectors have key roles to play in building a green economy for the future, we maintain that governments and publicly-owned institutions must now take the lead, since they alone have the tools to marshal resources of the magnitude and speed necessary for this kind of economic transformation. Through public sector-led investments and infrastructure, sound regulation and targeted incentives, governments can stimulate the private sector to play a key role in greening the major industrial sectors of the economy - such as manufacturing, resource, transportation, and construction industries. Moreover, much of the impetus for creating green jobs is going to come from local and regional economies where people live and work in closer relationship with their environment.

Member Organizations

Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Labour Congress, CUPW, CUPE, Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, Climate Action Network, Columbia Institute, Council of Canadians, David Suzuki Foundation, Greenpeace, Green Communities Canada, Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, IAMAW, NUPGE, Ontario Federation of Labour, Polaris Institute, PSAC, SEIU, Sierra Club of Canada, Toronto & York Region Labour Council, UNIFOR, United Steel Workers