



## January 2014 Newsletter

Dear {FIRST\_NAME|For Our Grandchildren Supporter},

Just a reminder to visit the 4RG web site to see the blog entries posted in [December](#) and [January](#). I've included a selection of recent articles below.



While you're there, take a few minutes to view a short video by Stephen Lewis on the [Home](#) page. It's really rewarding to have such a heartfelt endorsement from a man of his stature.

As ever, for the sake of our grandchildren, we appeal to you to speak out to win the conversation with your friends, colleagues, candidates, and political representatives for political action to combat climate change.

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## Recent Blog Articles

### Neil Young's Concert Tour

Neil Young has just wrapped up his "Honour the Treaties" concert tour which attracted quite a bit of attention to the tar sands. Naturally the Oil Industry and the Canadian government have lashed out in opposition, mostly saying that artists have no place taking political stands. They made a hollow gesture to talk with him about the issues, but would not accept David Suzuki as the moderator.



In the interviews that I heard, Mr. Young said several times that he felt obliged to speak out on behalf of his grandchildren. Among other things he said that his parents taught him that if you make a mess you need to clean it up before you can do anything else.

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## [Democracy Slipping Away](#)



A series of new national surveys suggest record numbers of Canadians are fed up with the state of our democracy.

Anthony Ketchum laments the ongoing loss of democracy in Canada that seems to be getting worse under the current government to the extent that government seems less legitimate to Canada's citizens.

There is hope, and there is something that you can do. Visit the [Fair Vote Canada](#) web site and read their proposal for electoral reform. If you like what they have to say, sign their Declaration of Voters' Rights.

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## [Gilbert & Sullivan on Canada's Climate Leadership](#)

Read why Canada's performance at last month's COP 19 reminds us of the Duke of Plaza-Toro from Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*.



Gilbert and Sullivan's Duke led his troops from behind, finding that this was less "exciting" than the usual leadership position. This strategy gave him the advantage that when his troops retreated "his place was in the fore-o".

Similarly, our Minister of the Environment claims that Canada is taking a leadership role in international climate change efforts. Maybe he even believes it, but others see it differently. We are rated dead last among 27 wealthy nations in protection of the environment and fourth from last among 58 nations in terms of tackling Greenhouse Gas emissions. The [Climate Action Network](#) awarded this year's Colossal Fossil Award to Australia, and reserved a special Lifetime Unachievement Fossil award for Canada.

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## Join Us



We hope you agree that we must act to ensure that the most significant menace to confront our



civilization is brought under control.

We depend on public support to keep the issue of climate change alive among grandparents. You can make a contribution to *For Our Grandchildren* online on our web site. Grandparents who subscribe to receive our email become members of *For Our Grandchildren*.

P.S. To help spread the word about *For Our Grandchildren* and our work please **forward this message to a friend.** Ask your friends to sign up to receive further monthly bulletins.



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