

# Green Mission News

January 2015

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organization opens and  
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<http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/lizanne-foster/2014/11/reading-world-ecologically>

### **Bhopal 30 Years On: Lessons From a Toxic Tragedy**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/annie-leonard/bhopal-30-years-on-lessons-from-a-toxic-tragedy\\_b\\_6257432.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/annie-leonard/bhopal-30-years-on-lessons-from-a-toxic-tragedy_b_6257432.html)

### **Pope: Climate Change a serious ethical and moral responsibility**

**(English audio, 12 1/2 minutes)**

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/12/11/pope\\_climate\\_change\\_an\\_ethical\\_and\\_moral\\_responsibility/1114382](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/12/11/pope_climate_change_an_ethical_and_moral_responsibility/1114382)

**Livestock – Climate Change’s Forgotten Sector**  
**Global Public Opinion on Meat and Dairy Consumption**

[http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/files/chathamhouse/field/field\\_document/20141203LivestockClimateChangeBaileyFroggattWellesley.pdf?dm\\_i=1TY5,30JL0,I2NNK3,AUGSP,1](http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/files/chathamhouse/field/field_document/20141203LivestockClimateChangeBaileyFroggattWellesley.pdf?dm_i=1TY5,30JL0,I2NNK3,AUGSP,1)

**Biodiversity for a Livable Climate**

<http://bio4climate.org/conference-2014/>

**Whole farm focus a win for Quirindi graziers**

<http://www.theland.com.au/news/agriculture/general/news/whole-farm-focus-a-win-for-quirindi-graziers/2717724.aspx>

**GMO Crops Accelerate Herbicide and Insecticide Use While Mainstream Media Gets It Wrong**

<http://ecowatch.com/2014/09/29/gmo-crops-accelerate-herbicide-insecticide/>

**The Precautionary Principle (with Application to the Genetic Modification of Organisms)**

<http://www.fooledbyrandomness.com/pp2.pdf>

**Half of All Children Will Be Autistic by 2025, Warns Senior Research Scientist at MIT**

<http://www.anh-usa.org/half-of-all-children-will-be-autistic-by-2025-warns-senior-research-scientist-at-mit/>

**Climate Hope: Three Essential Green Books of the Year -- and a Poem**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-biggers/climate-hope-three-essent\\_b\\_6335350.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-biggers/climate-hope-three-essent_b_6335350.html)

**The Soil Will Save Us**

**How Scientists, Farmers, and Foodies Are Healing the Soil to Save the Planet** <http://www.kristinohlson.com/books/soil-will-save-us#sthash.777PEaun.dpuf>

**Breaking Down Bioplastics**

<http://www.triplepundit.com/2014/12/breaking-bioplastics/>

**Vancouver's New Year's resolution: no more kitchen scraps in the trash**

Keeping everyone’s food scraps out of the landfill will help Metro Vancouver, and the globe

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Organics+banned+from+your+trash/10680058/story.html>

## **Creating Regenerative Cities**

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415724463/>

### **Emissions-Cutting Deal Reached at COP 20 Lima, But Will It Help Prevent Catastrophic Climate Change?**

[http://www.democracynow.org/2014/12/15/emissions\\_cutting\\_deal\\_reached\\_at\\_cop](http://www.democracynow.org/2014/12/15/emissions_cutting_deal_reached_at_cop)

### **Low-Impact Millennial Fits All Her Trash In A Mason Jar**

[http://gothamist.com/2014/12/23/no\\_trash\\_millennial.php](http://gothamist.com/2014/12/23/no_trash_millennial.php)

### **Cultivating Climate Justice Through Compost: The Story of Hernani**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/beverly-bell/cultivating-climate-justi\\_b\\_6302120.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/beverly-bell/cultivating-climate-justi_b_6302120.html)

### **FCC hails ‘Re-love a bike’ scheme success**

<http://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/fcc-hails-re-love-bike-scheme-success/>

### **Stronger policy framework needed for circular economy**

<http://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/stronger-policy-framework-needed-circular-economy/>

IFOAM COP 20 SIDE EVENT: BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND MANAGING DISASTER RISKS  
THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

<http://www.ifoam.org/en/news/2014/12/02/ifoam-cop-20-side-event-building-resilience-climate-change-and-managing-disaster>

The deep sea is a major sink for microplastic debris

<http://rsos.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/1/4/140317>

1st and 2nd laws of thermodynamics: nothing disappears, everything spreads

## **Styrofoam ban a good start for town council**

[http://www.mercurynews.com/los-gatos/ci\\_27112125/editorial-styrofoam-ban-good-start-town-council?source=rss](http://www.mercurynews.com/los-gatos/ci_27112125/editorial-styrofoam-ban-good-start-town-council?source=rss)

## **South African industry and retail unaware of new chemical warning symbols**

<http://www.cbn.co.za/component/k2/item/2496-south-african-industry-and-retail-unaware-of-new-chemical-warning-symbols>

## **Laying the Foundations of a World Citizens Movement**

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2014/11/laying-the-foundations-of-a-world-citizens-movement/>

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## **Two Full Length Articles**

<http://www.myballard.com/2014/12/24/new-seattle-food-waste-requirements-set-for-january-1/>

### **1. New Seattle food waste requirements set for January 1**

Starting on January 1, 2015, the City of Seattle will no longer allow food or compostable paper, including pizza boxes, paper napkins and paper towels, in the garbage.

The food waste requirements were passed earlier this year by the Seattle City Council and signed into law by Mayor Ed Murray. The new ordinance is projected to divert as much as 38,000 more tons of food scraps from the landfill each year, which helps Seattle achieve its goal to recycle or compost 60 percent of its waste by 2015.

“Seattle is a national leader in recycling,” said Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Solid Waste Director Tim Croll. “Most of our city’s businesses and residents are already composting. This requirement is a progression of our collective efforts that help our city become even greener.”

Both Seattle's recyclables and yard waste have been prohibited from the garbage for more than a decade.

Before submitting the food waste legislation, SPU polled businesses and residents and discovered widespread support for the measure. In June's Survey USA telephone poll more than 3 out of 4 Seattle residents polled supported the proposal.

Organics (which includes food, paper napkins, cardboard pizza boxes, leaves and grass) make up the biggest component of Seattle's waste. SPU estimates that 30 percent of the 317, 258 tons of trash that was disposed in the landfill in 2013 was compostable.

Seattle is the latest of several cities that have passed food waste requirements, including Vancouver, BC, Portland, OR, San Francisco, CA, and New York, NY.

## 2. Confronting the Climate Catastrophe

Conversations with Paul Beckwith and Dahr Jamail. Research News Hour Episode 87

[http://www.globalresearch.ca/confronting-the-climate-catastrophe/5421101?mc\\_cid=4ae88d7ec8&mc\\_eid=83a5da071d](http://www.globalresearch.ca/confronting-the-climate-catastrophe/5421101?mc_cid=4ae88d7ec8&mc_eid=83a5da071d)

By [Michael Welch](#) and [Dahr Jamail](#)  
Global Research, December 21, 2014

“The Arctic is rapidly heading for meltdown. As snow and sea ice retreat, exposing land and sea with lower albedo (i.e. less reflectiveness), more solar energy is absorbed, thus leading to further melting and retreat in a vicious cycle. This cycle has been self-sustaining for many years – we are well past the tipping point. There is no sign of any natural process to break the cycle.” -Statement from the Arctic Methane Emergency Group, December 4, 2014 [1]

“There's well documented reports out on where [350.org](#) gets its funding and, you know, Bill McKibbin and his ties with the mainstream Democratic Party, and you can look at Naomi Klein and who she writes for and who they're funded by, and I'm talking about The Nation magazine...their perspective is always tempered... They're always afraid to go too far out and put out really radical information... because they're essentially by and large another arm of the Democratic Party and have deep ties to 'em.” -Dahr Jamail

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Last Sunday December 14, the UN CLIMATE Conference concluded with a climate plan that for the first time commits all countries to cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

About 11,000 world leaders, civil society organizations, NGOs, and industry representatives from around the globe convened in Peru's capital over a two week period.

Among the achievements of this conference: dozens of countries pledged over \$10 billion to the Green Climate Fund to help countries prepare for climate impacts and make the transition to a low-carbon economy. [2]

But as we heard on last week's program these and other initiatives may be too little too late to rescue the planet from the catastrophic impacts of greenhouse warming.

Media coverage of the COP20 conference (such as it was) largely ignored a critical press conference by the ARCTIC Methane Emergency Group (AMEG).

Presenters at that Press conference concluded the following:

The meltdown is accelerating and could become unstoppable as early as Sept 2015

- Immediate action must be taken to refreeze the Arctic to halt runaway melting
- Greenhouse gas emissions reduction, however drastic, cannot solve this problem
- Calculations show that powerful interventions are needed to cool the Arctic
- Any delay escalates the risk of failure
- Arctic meltdown is a catastrophic threat for civilization. [3]

One of those presenters was Paul Beckwith. He is A Climatologist & part-time professor at the University of Ottawa. He recently spoke to the Global Research News Hour about the extent of the climate predicament we face and whether there is hope that these or other initiatives hold any prospect of rescuing our world from an unprecedented crisis.

Dahr Jamail follows Beckwith. Having established indymedia street creds a decade ago for his unembedded reporting on the US occupation of Iraq, Jamail addresses the inability of mainstream voices, including environmental groups, to fully cope with what the science is saying about the Climate threat. In this interview, Jamail also puts forward his impressions of the hazards of geo-engineering, and his top of mind concerns as the human race enters a new year.

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The [Global Research News Hour](#) airs every Friday at 1pm CT on CKUW 95.9FM in Winnipeg. The programme is also podcast at [globalresearch.ca](http://globalresearch.ca) .

The show can be heard on the Progressive Radio Network at [prn.fm](http://prn.fm). Listen in every Monday at 3pm ET.

Community Radio Stations carrying the Global Research News Hour:

CHLY 101.7fm in Nanaimo, B.C – Thursdays at 1pm PT

Boston College Radio WZBC 90.3FM NEWTONS during the Truth and Justice Radio Programming slot -Sundays at 7am ET.

Port Perry Radio in Port Perry, Ontario –1 Thursdays at 1pm ET

Burnaby Radio Station CJSF out of Simon Fraser University. 90.1FM to most of Greater Vancouver, from Langley to Point Grey and from the North Shore to the US Border.

It is also available on 93.9 FM cable in the communities of SFU, Burnaby, New Westminister, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey and Delta, in British Columbia Canada. – Tune in every Saturday at 6am.

CFRU 93.3FM in Guelph, Ontario. Tune in Wednesdays from 12am to 1am.

Notes:

1. <http://ameg.me/>
2. <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/lima/lima-call-for-climate-action-puts-world-on-track-to-paris-2015/>
3. <http://ameg.me/>

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