

Crippling Climate Adaptation

Disability Justice and Climate Change



Karina Cardona Claros

An origin story:
Nothing about us
without us.



Measuring Disability in Canada

Source: 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability.

In 2017, **6.2 million (22%)** Canadians aged 15 and older had a disability.

24%
Women

20%
Men



13%

Youth aged
15 to 24



20%

Working-age
adults aged
25 to 64



38%

Seniors aged
65 and older

The majority of people have **two or more** types of disabilities:

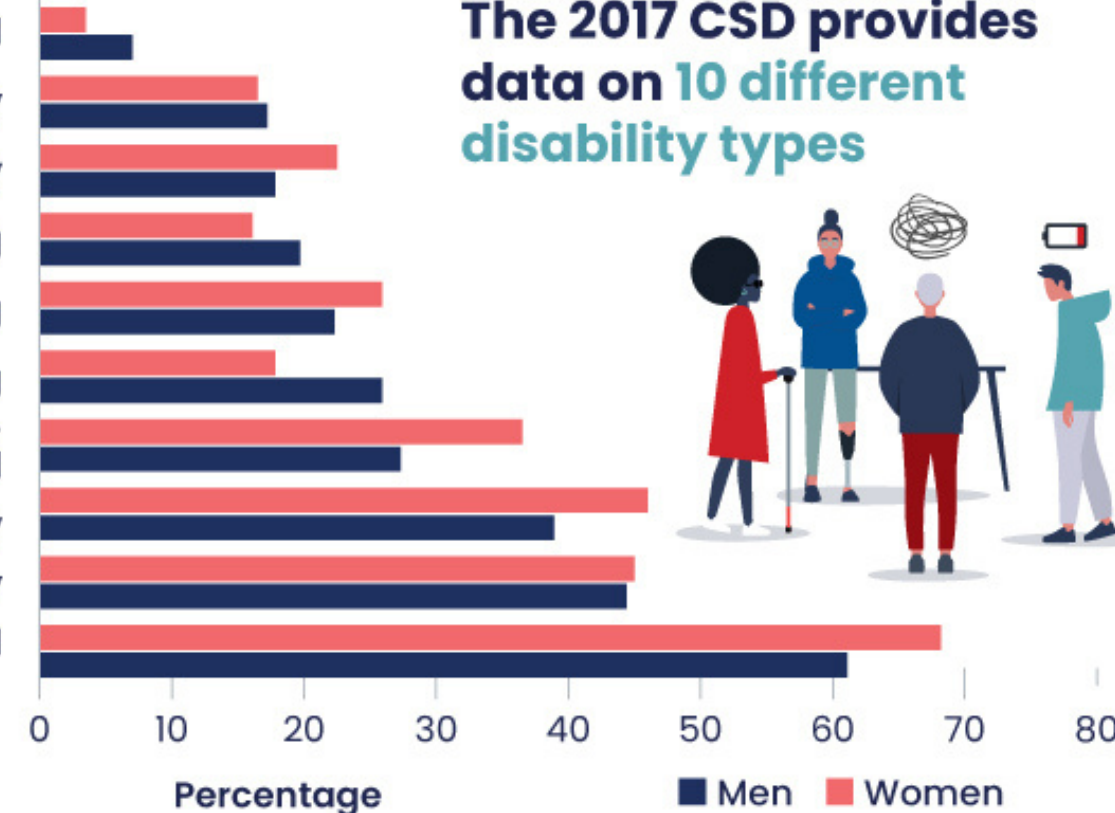
29%

One disability type

71%

Two or more types of disabilities

Developmental
Memory
Dexterity
Learning
Seeing
Hearing
Mental health-related
Mobility
Flexibility
Pain-related



The case for equity-focused climate solutions

Health

Disability

Vulnerability

Exclusion

Risk

Physiology

Demographics

Social determinants
of health

Barriers to inclusion

Bodily needs for
function & survival

Statistical data
pertaining to a
population or group

Personal outcomes &
circumstances

Attitudes, spaces,
policies, practices

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Climate Change Toolkit for Health Professionals

April 2019



Climate Crisis? Health Crisis!

How climate change affects the health of Canadians

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Did you know that the climate crisis is also a health crisis? Climate change impacts the health of Canadians - from increasing heat stroke to spreading new infectious diseases - and these impacts are getting worse. At the same time, there is a lot that we can do to protect ourselves and reduce climate pollution for healthier, safer futures.



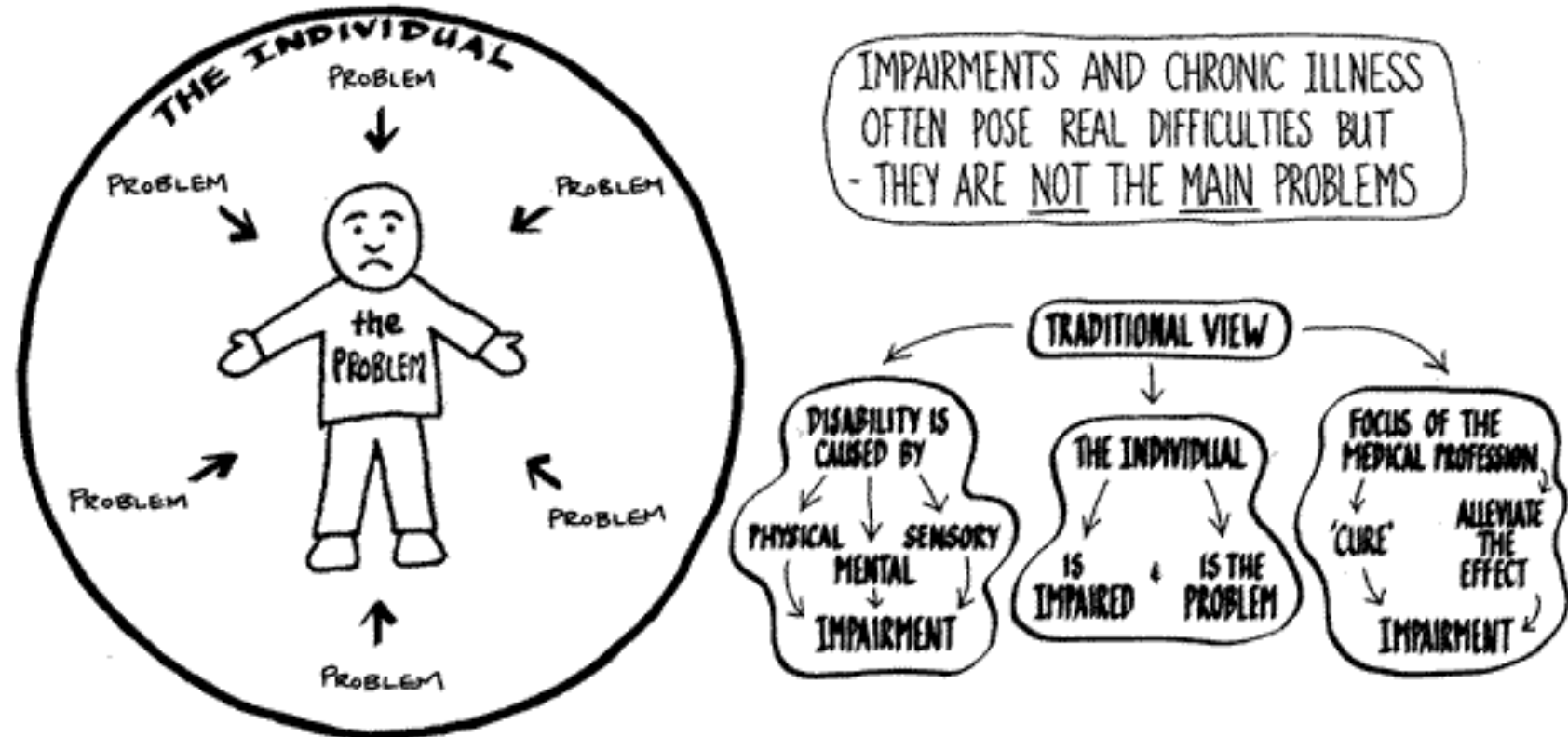
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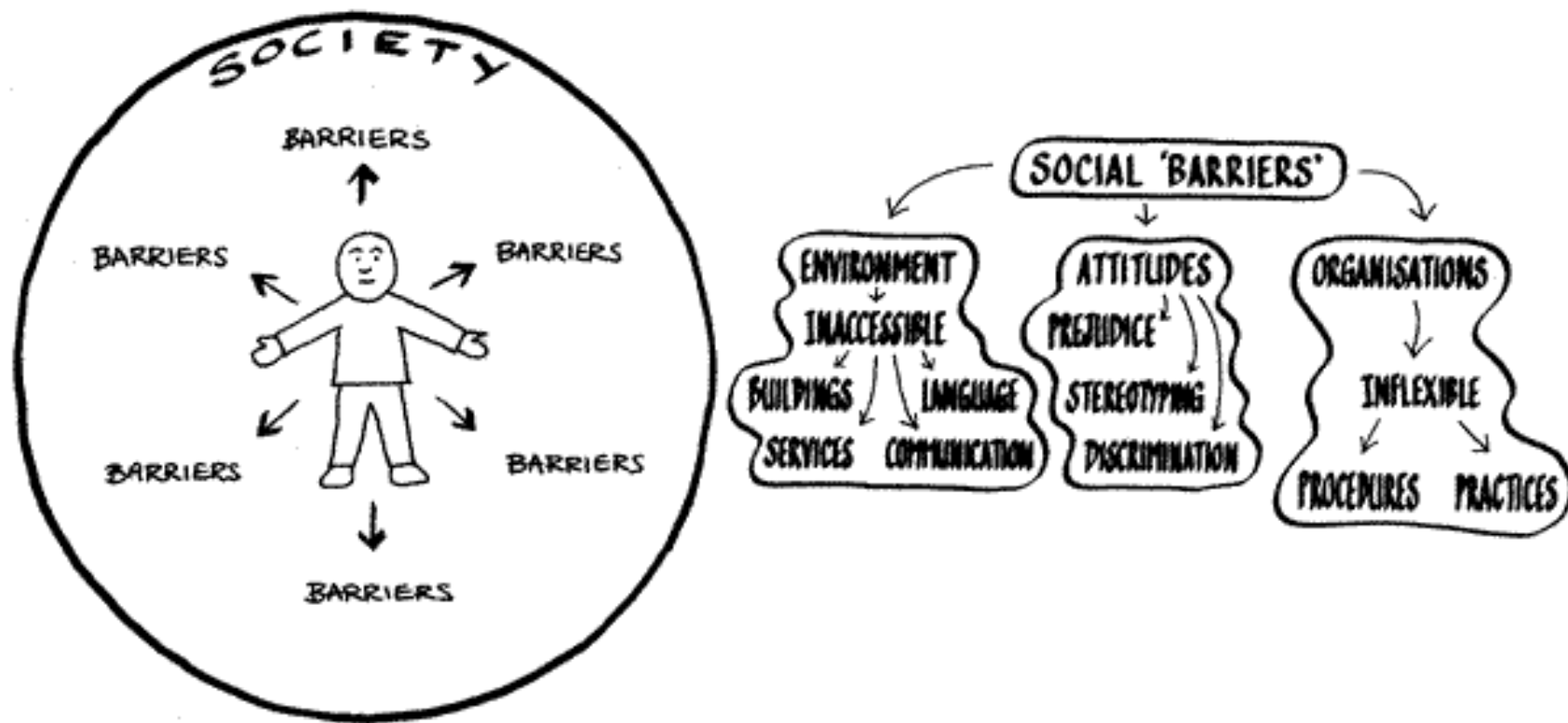
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AVAILABLE WITH DESCRIPTIVE AUDIO:
<https://youtu.be/vUDsjqmQWu4> People with disabilities are the world's largest minority group and are disproportionately affected by climate change. As disability justice and climate issues collide, Crippling Climate Adaptation lays bare the often disastrous consequences of overlooking people with disabilities and illustrates the need to consider the unique needs of people with disabilities and include them in climate adaptation. Set to a lively visual backdrop of dance, music,...

THE MEDICAL MODEL OF DISABILITY



THE SOCIAL MODEL OF DISABILITY



Socio-spatial realities



Adverse events

Hundreds who died from heat exposure in B.C. were mostly seniors found alone in unventilated suites, says coroner

At least 486 sudden and unexpected deaths have been reported since Friday — a number which is likely to grow

David Carrigg

Published Jul 01, 2021 • 3 minute read



What needs will you have in an emergency, but also, what needs aren't being met yet?

Everyday life



The **power of collective storytelling** through **inclusive filmmaking**



Allen
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Disability Rights
Activist & Policy
Analyst



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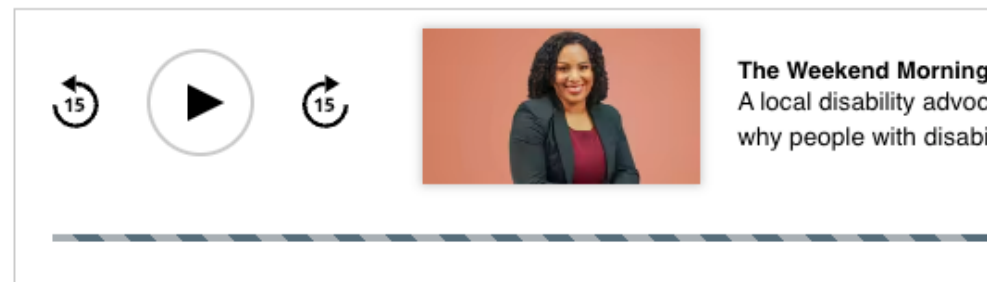
Kevin Johnson,
Past President,
People First of
Manitoba



Sébastien
Jodoin,
Associate
Professor,
McGill
University

What's next?

Building the conversation






A local disability advocate helped to create a documentary to highlight why people with disabilities need to be a part of the climate conversation

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People with disabilities are the largest minority group in the world and Karina Cardona, a local disability advocate wants her community to be part of the climate change conversation. She spoke with Keisha Paul about the issues facing people with disabilities and the new documentary she helped to create about the topic.





Climate Health Organizing Fellowship

Applications Now Open!

Suggested Letter of Intent Deadline: May 30th, 2023


Application Deadline: June 23rd, 2023

Course Runs October 2023 - April 2024

Monthly Sessions with 3 Weekend Immersions

The CHA Center for Health Equity Education & Advocacy (CHEEA) invites you to apply for the Climate Health Organizing Fellows Program, a tuition free, Zoom based program for health professionals and community leaders focused on creating climate solutions through community organizing. The fellowship has been developed in collaboration with Harvard Kennedy School Professor Marshall Ganz.

Partners



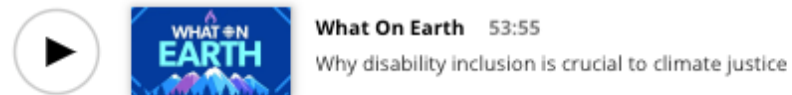
#UWRW2023: Research Week 2023

Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Programme (DICARP)

Most climate policies worldwide do not consider the rights of people with disabilities



(Lysanne Larose/McGill University)

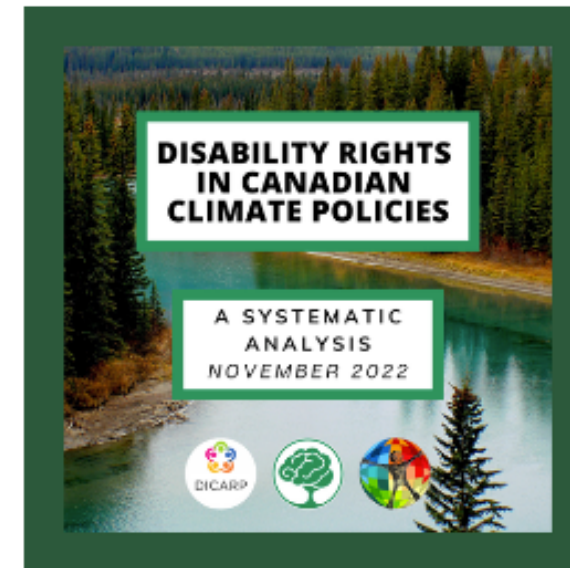


This week, a professor tells us why he's speaking up for disability and climate. We check in with a science advisor for the federal government. And, a look at standards for clean electricity, at home and in Hawaii.

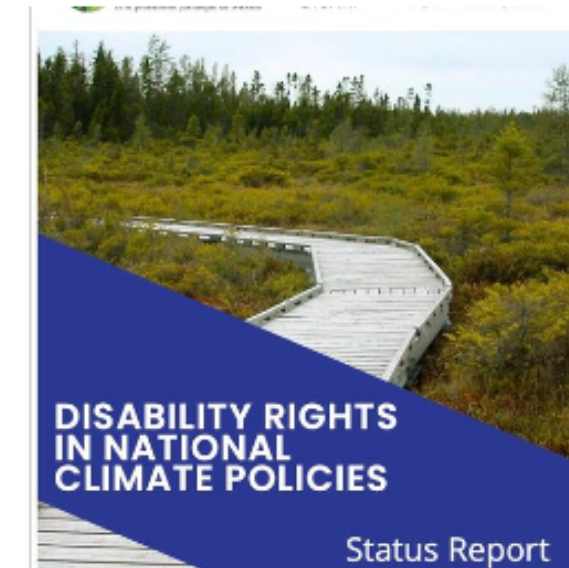
While there is increasing concern and action around climate change, a new report shows that the world's governments have largely ignored people with disabilities — who can be disproportionately affected by extreme heat, for example — in their climate mitigation and adaptation plans.



Nothing about us without us: the urgent need for disability-inclusive climate research



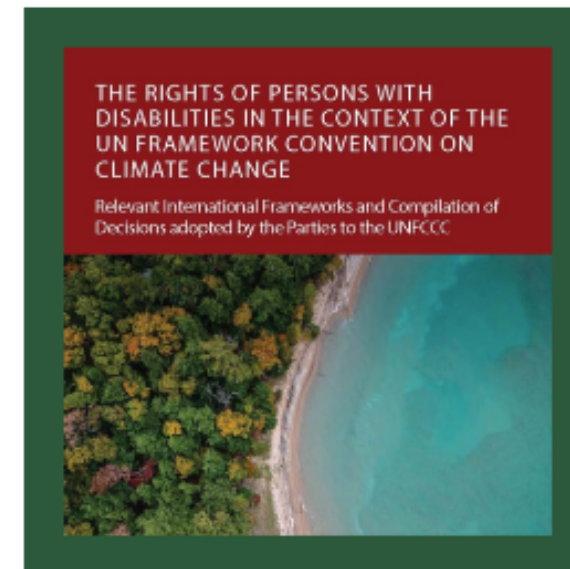
Systematic Analysis of Disability Rights in Canadian Climate Policies



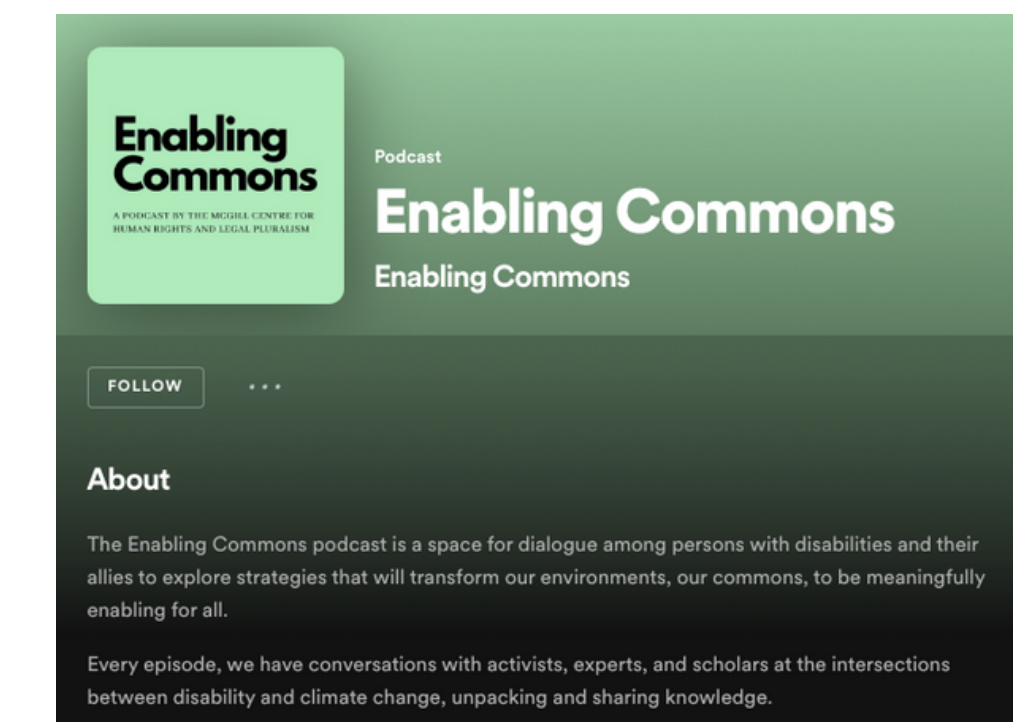
Disability Rights in National Climate Policies: Status Report



A Disability Rights Approach to Climate Governance



The Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Context of the UN Framework Convention on Climate



What can you do?

Appreciative inquiry

What strengths can I contribute to this conversation with the resources available to me?

What assets does my organization have access to that we could commit to address this problem?

Where does my work fit along this continuum of health/disability/equity-focused solutions?

Example: Can we help to collect cross-tabulated data on the health impacts of climate change?

Example: Do we administer benefits or services to PWD and could we help to disseminate information?

Example: Could my GIS skills help with visualizing risk and planning for equity-focused solutions?

Thank you

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