

DAYS OF ACTION: 11/03 – 2/07

11/03 - 65, 4/04 - 130, 10/04 - 280, 3/05 - 405, 4/05 - 305, 10/05 - 100, 4/06 - 106, 2/07 - 587

#1 National Day of Action for Clean Energy Campuses (65 actions)

11/13/2003

In the summer of 2003, youth organizers from the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), the Climate Campaign, and Greenpeace met in Detroit, Michigan during SEAC's National Meeting to discuss bringing together the clean energy movement for a National Day of Action later that Fall. Siting concerns about the many differences between local campaigns and the potential drawbacks of trying to pull off a day of action for clean energy when so much emphasis was placed on anti-war efforts on many campuses, the group decided to keep goals modest. The November 13th National Day of Action for Clean Energy Campuses blew away all expectations. The groups far surpassed their initial goal of 25 campus actions with 65 groups ultimately participating in the Day of Action across the United States! In addition to bringing together dozens of student groups who had never been part of such an effort, the Day of Action signaled the birth of a new student and youth clean energy coalition. The November Day of Action was pulled together by a well-coordinated, respectful, and enthusiastic band of organizations including SEAC's Youth Power Shift Campaign, Greenpeace, the Climate Campaign, the California Student Sustainability Coalition, Religious Witness for the Earth and New York PIRG.

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#2 Fossil Fools Day 1 (130 actions)

4/1/2004

Beginning with telephone discussions shortly after the National Day of Action for Clean Energy Campuses, the coalition developed a plan to promote a massive, more coordinated Day of Action for the Spring. Early in 2004 the coalition chose April Fools Day as their date for the second Day of Action for clean energy, this time expanding the network to include Canada. The idea was to have a Day of Action to move beyond the foolishness of fossil fuels. With the success of November 13th behind them and plenty of time to reach out to new organizations and networks, the coalition set forth a lofty goal of involving 125 local groups. In order to reach this goal the coalition had to expand into new regions, involving groups with a strong base in those areas. The participation of Envirocitizen in the Pacific Northwest, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy in the Southeast United States, and Sierra Youth Coalition in Canada helped make this possible. The coalition once again exceeded its goal by engaging 130 local groups across Canada and the United States.

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#3 Energy Independence Day 1 (280 actions)

10/19/2004

October 19th, 2004 marked the largest youth day of action for clean energy in history. Over 850 phone calls were made to presidential campaign offices two weeks before the general election asking candidates to lay out a plan for an end to dirty energy. In the next two days both U.S. President Bush and Senator Kerry made energy independence a prominent theme in their speeches as Senator Kerry reiterated his 10 year plan for independence from mid-east oil. Also on that day, students and young activists carried out clean energy events in 280 different towns across 46 U.S. states and 7 Canadian provinces calling for an end to our dirty energy addiction and a new political vision. As a follow-up to Energy Independence Day, students delivered 27,000 signatures on a U.S. Declaration of Independence from Dirty Energy and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms for Clean Energy to political representatives in Washington, DC, several U.S. state capitols, and the Canadian Parliament.

Related Links

EAC Past Campaigns -

http://www.energyaction.net/main/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=1&MMN_position=6:6

A good RenewableEnergyAccess.com article with quotes -

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=17156>

#4 Oil on Ice Film Screenings (405 screenings)

3/3/2005

Over 400 Energy Action activists across the U.S. and Canada organized public screenings of "Oil on Ice", an award-winning film that connects the survival of Northern communities and the fragile lands they depend on to the decisions being made about energy policy. Many took action after watching the film and wrote letters to their representatives and local news editors. The letters focused on opposing dirty energy projects such as drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the development of a giant Mackenzie gas pipeline in Canada, and encouraging investment in a clean energy future.

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#5 Fossil Fools Day 2 (305 actions)

4/1/2005

Over 300 groups took action across the United States, Canada, England, Nigeria, & Panama for the 2nd annual Fossil Fools Day of Action, the youth clean energy movement's largest action yet. Actions ranged from over 140 demonstrations at Ford Dealerships demanding cleaner cars to energy speakers, bike rides, activities supporting local clean energy legislation, and visual displays to highlight "Fossil Fools" who were blocking progress on addressing climate change.

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Press release - http://www.globalexchange.org/update/copy_of_press/3039.html

#6 Energy Independence Day 2 (100 actions)

- Initial Launch of Campus Climate Challenge

10/19/2005

To launch the Campus Climate Challenge at schools across the U.S. and Canada, Energy Action partnered with the Apollo Alliance to release a report on campus sustainability: "New Energy for Campuses." The report release coincided with actions on over 100 campuses, one year after the first Energy Independence Day.

Related Links

<http://www.nacubo.org/x6753.xml>

http://www.energyaction.net/documents/new_energy.pdf

#7 Fossil Fools Day 3 (106 actions)

4/1/2006

On Saturday, April 1st, thousands of citizens across the United States, Canada and the UK united to push for an end to our addiction to oil - a dependence that threatens our environment, our economy, our health, and leads us into war and conflict around the world. We adopted 100 Ford dealers in over 100 cities across the United States, Canada and the U.K. The focus of this Day of Action was on creating several higher profile actions in a few key Ford dealerships and localities. In addition to actions targeting Ford, students and activists held several Oil Addiction Anonymous (OAA) meetings and organized other creative actions to build awareness for clean energy and the effects of global warming.

Related Links

http://jumpstartford.com/action/events_calendar/april_1st_fossil_fools_day/

<http://itsgettinghotinhere.org/150>

http://www.energyaction.net/main/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=29

#8 Rising to the Challenge Week of Action (587 actions)

1/29 - 2/2, 2007

The Climate Week of Action engaged more than 50,000 students and youth on 587 campuses in 49 U.S. states and 8 Canadian provinces from January 29th through February 2nd, 2007.

Related Links

<http://itsgettinghotinhere.org/1094>

http://climatechallenge.org/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=77