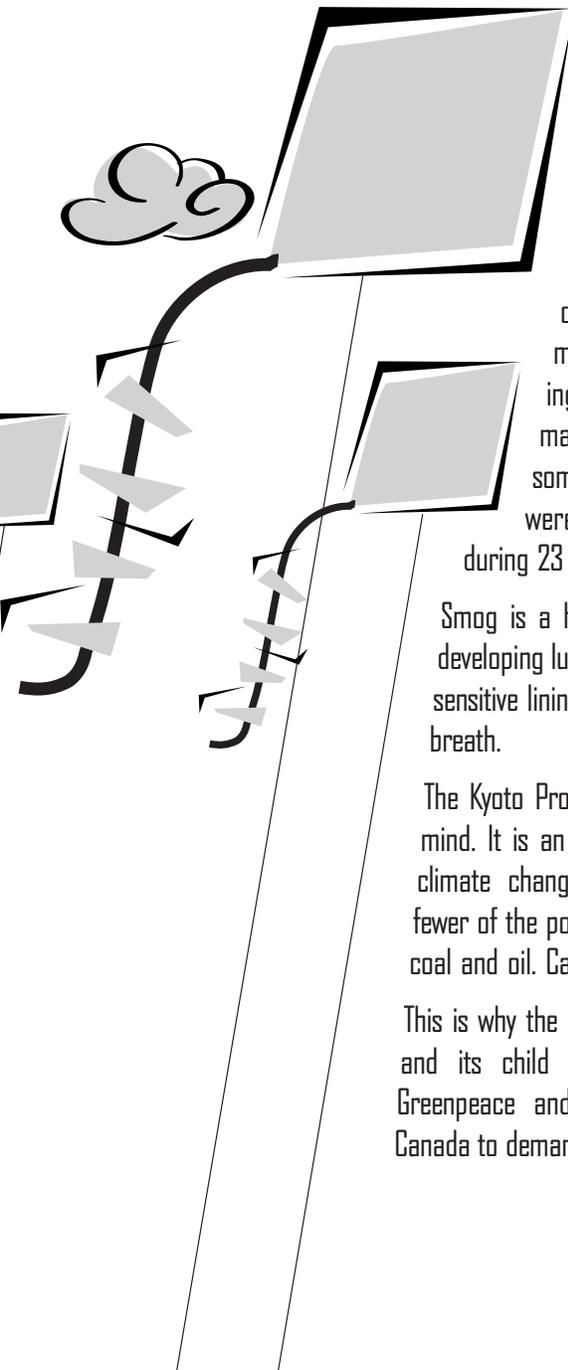


# Kids for Kyoto

Demand clean air for children



Outdoor play is essential for children's healthy physical development; yet children are kept inside during hot summer days because smog makes outside air quality dangerous. In some regions last summer, children were confined to their classrooms during 23 smog advisories.

Smog is a health hazard for everyone; but for developing lungs it can be deadly. Smog burns the sensitive lining leaving a child gasping to catch a breath.

The Kyoto Protocol was designed with children in mind. It is an international agreement that fights climate change by requiring countries to burn fewer of the pollutants that produce smog, such as coal and oil. Canada has not ratified the accord.

This is why the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its child care members are working with Greenpeace and child care organizations across Canada to demand clean air for children. We want the

federal government to make children's health a national priority. We want Jean Chretien to keep his promise and ratify the Kyoto Protocol now, just as more than 70 countries have already done.

Kyoto is on the federal agenda. We have until this fall to influence Canada's decision. Parents and child care workers urge politicians to support the accord. Show your support for clean air by sending your children's used puffers to Prime Minister Chretien with the message "our children need clean air – not puffers to grow up healthy- ratify the Kyoto Accord Now!".

Child care centres can help by gathering used puffers. Please share this leaflet with parents and collect puffers now. Later in the fall, the media will be invited to watch children package the puffers and mail them off to the Prime Minister.

Questions? Ideas!

Contact Shellie Bird at 1-613-233-0228.

For information about the Kyoto Accord visit [www.greenpeace.ca](http://www.greenpeace.ca)

The following organizations are working with CUPE and Greenpeace on this campaign: The Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada; the YWCA of/du Canada; the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care plus other provincial and regional organizations.

# Our Children Need Clean Air: Ratify the Kyoto Accord Now!

The Kyoto Protocol was designed with children in mind. It is an international agreement to improve air quality. Canada has not yet ratified the agreement. We want to pressure the federal government to make children's health a national priority. Kids for Kyoto say: Ratify Kyoto Now!

Outdoor play is essential for children's healthy physical development; yet children are kept inside during hot summer days because of poor and dangerous air quality. Smog is a health

hazard for everyone, but for developing lungs it can be deadly. That's why workers, parents and child care advocates are urging action on Kyoto.

We are urging the federal government to ratify the accord, and we are asking parents, workers and advocates to collect used puffers to be sent to the Prime Minister in the fall with the message:

**Our children need clean air — not puffers  
to grow up healthy.  
Ratify the Kyoto Accord Now!**



**You can participate by collecting used puffers to be sent to the Prime Minister this fall.  
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