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Clean Water and Sanitation



The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

What's the goal here? Simply, to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

In Canada, Indigenous Communities are facing a water crisis. According to the Government of Canada there is currently 58 long-term drinking water advisories. To learn more click [here](#)

For more information about the Sustainable Development Goals visit: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

What would you change about water in your area?



Water means different things to different people.

On March 22nd join the valuing water movement and take part in the World Water Day 2021 campaign on social media.

This conversation is about what water means to you!

How is water important to your home and family life, your livelihood, your cultural practices, your wellbeing, your local environment?

By recording - and celebrating - all the different ways water benefits our lives, we can value water properly and safeguard it effectively for everyone.

Tell your stories, thoughts and feelings about water.

[HTTPS://WWW.WORLDWATERDAY.ORG/](https://www.worldwaterday.org/)

Get to know water protector, Autumn Peltier




Water is a human right.

In 2016, 12-year-old Autumn Peltier of Manidoowaaing (Manitoulin) Island in Ontario stood onstage at the winter gathering of the Assembly of First Nations in Gatineau, Que. She wore an Anishinaabe water dress, made painstakingly by her mother, and held a water bundle, comprising a copper bowl, a copper cup, some red cloth and tobacco, to present to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Peltier, who is Anishinaabe-kwe and a member of Wiikwemkoong First Nation, had just returned from the Children's Climate Conference in Sweden – but her plea to Trudeau to protect the water catapulted her to international recognition.

Four years later, Autumn is the chief water commissioner for Anishinabek Nation, has been nominated for the Children's Peace Prize three years in a row and last year was the only Canadian on the BBC's list of 100 most influential women. Peltier spoke with Canadian Geographic on water protection, youth activism and her ties to the water. (Hayward, A October 21, 2020)

Read the full interview with Autumn here:

<https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/water-protection-and-youth-activism-autumn-peltier>



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