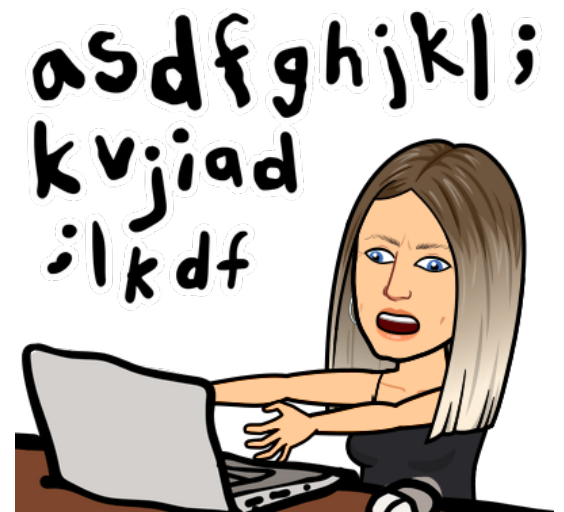




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Thanks for being a part of this movement. While this graphic represents only a handful of people's vision, we invite you to think about the world you want to see in 2050. And to figure out what role you can play in bringing that world into being. Together, we'll make this a reality!





Building relationships on the trail

A few years ago we contacted **Colour the Trails** to invite a conversation about partnering to support our common desire to provide access to wilderness. Colour the Trails is a national, Black woman-owned organization that works **to increase access and remove systemic barriers to outdoor activities** for Black, Indigenous and people of colour, and those within the intersection of BIPOC and 2SLGBTQAI+ community.

Last July, our collaboration took an exciting step, bringing us to the Big Tree Trail trail in the beautiful ancient forests on Meares Island, a tribal park in Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation territory in the legendary Clayoquot Sound. The trip was a huge success — we got lots of work done on the trail along with the Tla-o-qui-aht tribal park guardians, and everyone had so much fun! We received wonderful feedback from Colour the Trails staff and participants, and **we are excited to continue our partnership later this summer with our next trail trip together!**

Thank you for your gifts, which allow us to dedicate the resources necessary to build relationships with diverse communities and support the work and goals of Colour the Trails in a good way.

Commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion

This year marks the four-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, an African-American man murdered by white police officers in Minneapolis. An all too common event, this recorded one shook the continent, a stark reminder of the realities faced by Black people and a renewed call to action. Reflecting on this reality, our team sought to deepen our commitment to environmental and social justice. In partnership with the wonderful people at **Bakau Consulting**, we **began a series of organizational transformations.**

Since then, we work regularly with the Bakau team to reflect upon the history of white supremacy, colonization and patriarchy — some intense concepts — and how those systems manifest in our lives and in our workplace. We'd also like to thank our friends at **Nahane Creative**, who led us through some great workshops on decolonization and being better allies. **Bakau performed an organizational audit with our board and staff on where we**

are at with regards to justice and equity and recommended concrete steps for change. We've since worked to improve our external communications, reflect on how we can better do environmental protection work on Indigenous land, and develop policies that ensure diverse members of our team are included and supported.

This work is ongoing and would not be possible without your support. As we enter 2024 advancing goals like protecting 30 per cent of lands and waters by 2030, an end to old-growth logging, and habitat protection for species at risk, we know that doing this work in a just, caring way is imperative. Our environmental mission is deeply intertwined with social and environmental justice. **True change requires us to fundamentally transform from within, ensuring the communities we work with, especially those most vulnerable, are at the heart of our efforts.**



QUESTIONS?

Your commitment to protect nature and ensure a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

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