

BECOME A CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS

The Council of Canadians advocates for a society built on democracy, justice, and care for each other. We believe we can learn from the perspectives and struggles of others as we work together for a more just world.

We do this by bringing people together to take collective action and build grassroots community power. With our members, supporters, and chapter activists, we organize, learn, and act together as we fight for clean water, fair trade, strengthened public health care, climate justice, and democracy.

The grassroots chapter base is one of the things that makes the Council unique in the movement, and we prioritize supporting local leaders to build power in their communities, so they feel empowered to do this work. A chapter is a political home for many Council members and supporters, and a way to get active and organize with others in their communities. Reaching out and advancing local solidarity with Indigenous communities in their activism towards building a more sustainable just world is also part of our work. Chapters might work on Council of Canadians national or regional campaigns or work towards other local or regional goals that are in line with the Council's values and strategic plan.

If you're interested in becoming a chapter of the Council of Canadians, here are the steps to take:

- **Reach out to your regional organizer to talk more about why you'd like to start a chapter and what's happening in your community.** [You can find contact information for our regional organizers here](#); they can support you through the process.
- Identify at least four other people (so five in total) in your community who would like to be part of the chapter, who are members of the Council – [becoming a member is easy](#) and costs a minimum of one dollar per year. Let us know if you want support in connecting with other Council of Canadians members in your area.
- Organize a chapter start-up meeting. You might choose to have an in-person meeting somewhere accessible in your community, or a zoom meeting online, or some combination. Regional organizers can help with:
 - outreach, including sending an invitation to all Council supporters in your area.
 - attend the start-up meeting to share more about the Council, including our [strategic plan](#) and chapter requirements, and to learn more about the interests and skills of others planning to join the chapter.
- Host the meeting and complete the chapter start-up paperwork, including identifying the five members in good standing as well as chapter contacts.

We're excited to work with you! Contact your [regional organizer](#) today.