

The Right to a Clean Environment

April

Explaining the Right

Children expressed their appreciation for being outside in nature and enjoying the clean air. They like that their communities have parks and trees.

Children mentioned smoking, vaping and pollution as activities they do not like in their communities. They want adults to know so they can help contribute to making the air cleaner.

A few quotes gathered from children during the Charter creation process:

"I like to collect caterpillars. I like flowers."

"Stop people smoking"

Families can:

- Go on walks around your neighborhood – notice the different trees, flowers, bugs or animals you come across
- Celebrate Earth Day by making art with recycled materials (empty cereal boxes and toilet paper rolls work great!)



Book Recommendations for children and families:

The Water Walker by Joanne Robertson (recommended for ages 3-7)

Earth Day Every Day by Lisa Bullard

Old Enough to Save the Planet by Loll Kirby.

Saving Tally by Serena Lane Ferrari *Library ordering

The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind by William Kamkwamba

The **Burnaby Children's Charter** was developed in 2019 and included the voices of 250 children across Burnaby. The Charter was developed by the Burnaby Children's Community table in partnership with Equitas and is now in the Action Planning Stage, with [multiple agencies](#) having endorsed the Charter. This newsletter is part of a year-long series where we highlight the rights of the Charter each month to support community to action the Charter with us.