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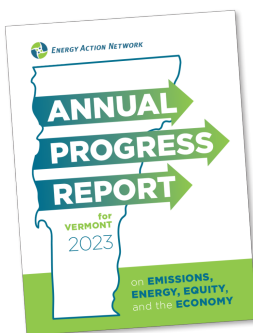
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Dear {{Salutation or 'Local Energy Leaders'}},

Looking forward to another vibrant Vermont fall, we hope this newsletter finds you well. As we embark on a new season, we are excited to bring you a compilation of timely resources and events to highlight opportunities for climate action and community engagement around our state. In this email you'll find everything from the Energy Action Network's new 2023 Annual Progress Report to Button Up Vermont's full slate of October events. Thank you for being a part of the VECAN network, and for your dedication to the environment and building a more resilient Vermont.

## RESOURCES & INFO



**The Energy Action Network's 2023 Progress Report for Vermont is Released!** Each year, the [EAN's Annual Progress Report](#) for Vermont provides an analysis of where Vermont stands on its climate commitments and energy goals. This year's report builds on foundational research and analysis to date, with new information, graphs, and charts that continue, unfortunately, to show that there is far more work to be done. Vermont will need to pursue additional policy action to reach its climate requirements. Read the [full report](#) here and stay tuned for an upcoming webinar going into far more detail.

**Apply to join a Clean Energy to Communities Program Peer-Learning Cohort!** Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) facilitates peer-learning cohorts funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. These cohorts convene for around six months to exchange strategies, best practices, and address common challenges in clean energy transition. Lab experts provide education, tools, templates, and collaborative support to up to 15 communities, accelerating their progress towards clean energy goals. Click [here](#) to learn more and [here](#) to apply by October 31st!

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**Apply for the 2023 Climate Catalyst Innovation Fund!** The [Vermont Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund](#), offered by the Vermont Council on Rural Development, invites individuals and organizations to apply for funding opportunities. This initiative aims to support innovative projects that drive climate resilience, economic development, and community engagement in Vermont. If you have a creative solution to address climate challenges while boosting the economy and strengthening communities, consider applying for this valuable funding opportunity today! [Applications](#) close November 6th.

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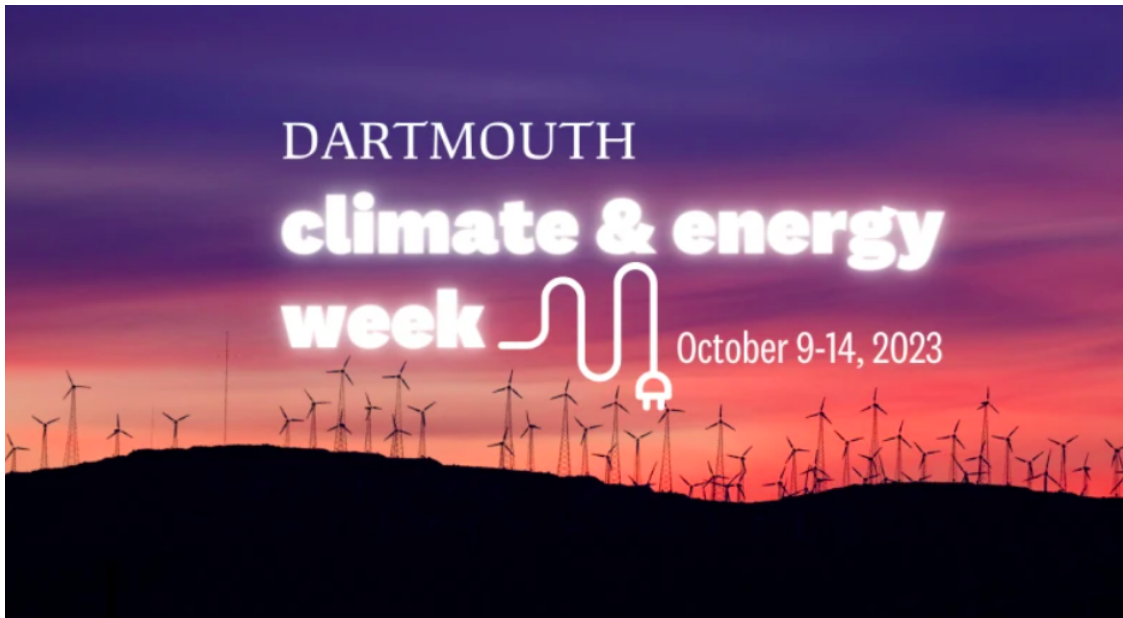
## EVENTS

**Join the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition in an EV Safety & Technician Training Course!** Vermont Clean Cities and Maine Clean Communities are sponsoring a two-day course on October 25th & 26th administered by Advanced Vehicle Technology Group that will cover a variety of topics related to light and heavy duty Electric Vehicles (EVs). This course is available to anyone but particularly beneficial to technicians, fleet managers, EV program planners, and will prepare participants for ASE xEV Level 1&2 certification. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register!

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**October is Button Up Month!** Join Efficiency Vermont and their partners all month long for weekly events to learn more about keeping the cold at bay this winter. Virtual and in-person offerings include Weatherization 101 and Heat Pump 101 info sessions. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register!

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**Help Dartmouth College Celebrate their Climate and Energy Week!** Dartmouth College's Irving Institute for Energy & Society is hosting Climate and Energy Week from October 9th to October 14th. A variety of the weeks events are available to the public including [Navigating the Energy Transition Across New Hampshire and Vermont: Stories from Practitioners](#), and a [film screening and discussion of The Oil Machine](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about the week and public programming.

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**Join VNRC, VPIRG, and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility to learn about rebuilding resiliently after climate disasters!** VNRC, VPIRG, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility and Rebuild by Design are hosting an informative webinar on climate event preparedness on October 11th. The session will focus on Rebuild by Design's Atlas of Disaster which delves into county-specific climate impacts in each state. Learn about recommendations for enhancing disaster response and climate adaptation in Vermont, with insights from experts and an opportunity for Q&A. Click [here](#) to learn more and [here](#) to register!

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### **About Us**

VECAN is a network of statewide Vermont organizations helping communities statewide to reduce energy costs and climate impacts through conservation, increased energy efficiency and conversion to renewable energy sources.

VECAN's mission is to start, support and strengthen town energy committees.

### **Share**

We are always looking for great stories of local action for our blog, social media and as helpful resources for our network! Please consider sending along anything you or others have accomplished or are working on by emailing [info@vecan.net](mailto:info@vecan.net).

### **Event to Share?**

If you have an upcoming climate action opportunity, update or event you want others to know about, you can submit it to be included in the calendar. [Check it out here!](#)

### **Committee Changes?**

Help us keep our network up to date! Email changes in committee leadership or contact info to [info@vecan.net](mailto:info@vecan.net).



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