

Call For Artists

The Ecology Action Centre is commissioning images for the next round of badges in **the HalifACT Climate Commitment Badge Program**. The program rewards adult participants in the HRM with artist-designed badges (metal lapel pins) when they commit to learning about and taking action on climate change. Visit Halifax.ca/badges to view the first round of badges and get a sense of how the program works!

About the Commissions:

There are four commission slots available, each to be awarded to a different artist. Artists may submit proposals for one or more of the following badges:

- **Nature Connections**
Humans are a part of Nature, and we know that spending time in Nature is good for our mental and physical wellbeing. Nature also provides critical defenses against the effects of a changing climate. When it comes right down to it, all living things are connected – so how we relate to Nature matters. The Nature Connections badge aims to help you deepen your understanding of Nature and examine your relationship to the living world.
- **Food**
Food has the power to nourish us, delight us, and unite us! How we grow, buy, prepare, and consume our food affects not only our own health, but the health of our communities and the ecosystems on which we depend. Being mindful of our food systems and choices is also a powerful form of climate action!
- **Climate Resilience**
The climate is changing, and we need to be prepared for more frequent wildfires, floods, severe storms, and health impacts. Learn what to expect as the climate changes and find out how to prepare yourself, your family, and your community. Together, we can build resilience.
- **Leadership**
The Leadership Badge aims to equip people with the skills they need to foster climate awareness and action in their own communities.

Proposal Specifications:

- Artist CV
- 3-5 digital images of relevant past work
- An expression of interest or concept (maximum 500 words)
- A rough sketch (i.e. an under-five-minute image indicating proposed shape, layout)
- **You may, if you prefer, submit an existing artwork you think would work as a badge**

Design Specifications:

- The design must be suitable for 4-color production as a 1 ½” soft enamel pin (color choice is at the artist’s discretion).
- The image should communicate the badge theme.
- The image should work within a simple shape (i.e. circle, square, rectangle, half-circle)
- The chosen design must be supplied as a high-resolution image

Selection and Compensation:

- Priority will be given to artists who identify as Mi'kmaw, African Nova Scotian, or BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour), and artists based in Mi'kma'ki/Nova Scotia. Please feel free to self-identify in your application statement. ***All artists are encouraged to submit!***
- Each chosen will be paid \$1500 for limited, royalty-free and non-commercial use of the image on badges, website, social media promotion, and signage related to the Climate Badge Project. Any additional use of image (i.e. for reproduction on t-shirts or materials for sale) would be negotiated separately. Image copyright remains with the artist.

Timeline for Submissions:

Artists must submit proposals by 11:59 p.m., March 28, 2025, to the following email address: kate.brooks@ecologyaction.ca.

The successful applicants will be confirmed by the end of the day on April 4, 2025

Completed work must be submitted to EAC by April 25, 2025

If you have questions, contact kate.brooks@ecologyaction.ca or call (902) 304-2935.