

Guide to Module 4: Planetary health at a local level

Guide editor

[Trevor Hancock](#)

Key Messages:

- The leadership and action required to address much of the global ecological changes created by humans, will need to take place at a local level
- In contrast to global-level action which is often time-consuming and difficult, communities and local governments have frequently demonstrated more commitment and faster action
- Some important frameworks and tools are available to assess climate action programs, such as “One Planet Living” and the “ecological footprint”
- There are a number of health co-benefits of a more sustainable ‘One Planet’ way of life.

Power-point presentation from BCCI-2 session, 10 August 2019

- [Planetary health at the local level](#)

Readings:

Hancock T et al: One planet regions: planetary health at the local level.
www.thelancet.com/planetary-health Vol 1 June 2017 e92-3

Hancock, Trevor (2018): Healthy Cities 2.0 Transitioning towards “One Planet” cities (Key challenges facing 21st century cities, Part 3: Cities and Health 1(3):
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23748834.2018.1526659>

CRD Climate Action Program. A series of documents can be found at:
www.crd.bc.ca/climate including the Final Report of the Regional Climate Strategy (2017), and other reports such as Climate Action Reports, and Annual Progress Reports.

Other relevant websites:

<https://creativelyunited.org>

This is a regional non-profit collective that brings together and showcases individuals, local businesses, and institutions committed to improving the quality of life in the region.

<https://www.saanich.ca/climateplan>

The municipality of Saanich is an example of a community with a progressive climate action plan. Several .pdf documents can be downloaded from this site including: Climate Backgrounder Series (including various sectors, such as transportation); a Climate Action plan; a Climate Adaptation plan; and progress reports.

<https://oneplanetsaanich.org>

Saanich is a member of an international “One Planet Cities” project that brings together several partner cities. In addition to Saanich, these are: Elsinore (Denmark), Durban (South Africa), and Oxfordshire (UK).

Guide to Module 4: Planetary health at a local level

Further reading and resources

The Ecological Determinants of Health: Global Change and Public Health Ottawa: Canadian Public Health Association, 2015. A 30 page Discussion Document and 100 page 'Report in Brief' are available. The former is now available as

https://www.cpha.ca/sites/default/files/assets/policy/edh-discussion_e.pdf

and also available in French at

https://www.cpha.ca/sites/default/files/assets/policy/edh-discussion_f.pdf

while the latter is available as

Hancock, Trevor, Spady, Donald W. and Soskolne, Colin L. (Editors) (2015) *Global change and Public Health: Addressing the Ecological Determinants of Health: The Report in Brief* Available at www.cpha.ca/sites/default/files/assets/policy/edh-brief.pdf

Hancock, Trevor (2020) Health in the Anthropocene: From the Global to the Local. In: Kobayashi, A. (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography, 2nd edition. vol. 6*, Elsevier, pp. 323–328. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-102295-5.10991-6>

Hancock, Trevor; Desai, Pooran and Patrick, Rebecca (2019) Tools for creating a future of healthy One Planet cities in the Anthropocene *Cities & Health* DOI: [10.1080/23748834.2019.1668336](https://doi.org/10.1080/23748834.2019.1668336)

Hancock, Trevor (2019) Beyond science and technology: Creating Planetary Health needs 'heart, gut and spirit' work *Challenges* 10, 31; doi:10.3390/challe10010031 <https://www.mdpi.com/2078-1547/10/1/31/pdf>

Hancock, Trevor (2017) "Population Health Promotion in the Anthropocene" In Rootman, I. et al (2017) *Health Promotion in Canada (4th edition)* Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press

Hancock, Trevor (2017) "Healthy Cities and Communities: Urban Governance for Health" In Rootman, I. et al (2017) *Health Promotion in Canada (4th edition)* Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press

Video

Welcome to the Anthropocene

The Anthropocene explained in less than 4 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvgG-pxlobk>

Healthy Cities 2.0 Towards One Planet Cities

IUHPE Keynote, Rotorua, 2019

<https://youtu.be/t9r5JOZ-yjE>

Welcome to the Anthropocene

Part of the Creating Resilient Green Built Neighbourhoods event hosted by Creatively United on Earth Day, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEcnVdsG-no>