

# **Diane Beckett**

**sustainability consultant at independent**

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## **Biography**

Diane Beckett has more than three decades of experience addressing the human and environmental dimensions of sustainability. Her work has focused on low-carbon energy futures, urban environments, agro-ecology and food, livelihoods, climate and environmental justice, natural resources management, nature deficit disorder, gender equality and traditional knowledge. She has a broad range of experience in research, policy, planning, management, and advocacy for civil society organizations, governments, associations, universities, and the United Nations. She has designed and implemented policies and programs, provided strategic advice, supported capacity-building and organizational change, and developed and implemented initiatives to influence policy and increase public and professional awareness for more than three dozen organizations in many parts of Canada, and in almost a dozen countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Her most recent major assignment was Interim Executive Director, Sierra Club Canada Foundation (2015-2016). Diane has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo and a Master of Arts in International Affairs from Carleton University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Energy, Environmental Services, Public Policy, Renewables and Environmental, Women, Government Relations, Philanthropy, International Affairs

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Low Carbon Energy, Urban Environments, Climate, Natural Resource Management, Gender Equality, Sustainability, Agro-ecology and Food, Nature Deficit Disorder, Traditional Knowledge

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## **Education**

**Carleton University**

M.A. International Affairs

**University of Waterloo**

B.E.S. Environmental Studies

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## **Accomplishments**

**Robin Dennis Award**

In recognition of long-standing and effective advocacy for the preservation of Outdoor Education in Ontario ?Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, 2008

**Norman Paterson Scholarship and Assistanceship**

Carleton University, 1983-1984

**R.O.D.A. Scholarship**

National Health and Welfare, 1975

**Department of Man-Environment Studies Scholarship**

1974-1975

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