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# **Ellen Michelson**

Green Party of Canada Candidate  
Toronto Centre

*“It’s time to vote for our future.”*

- Ellen Michelson, Toronto Centre Candidate

Media Kit

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Ellen has lived in Toronto Centre for more than 35 years. An educator and writer, she is also an extremely active volunteer.

She earned her **Master of Arts in Teaching** from **Harvard University**, and as a member of the first Canada Corps, she served in Ukraine as an election observer for the repeat presidential election run-off in the winter of 2004. It is only natural that Ellen serves as **Peace and Security Critic** in the Green Party of Canada Shadow Cabinet.

In all of Ellen's activities, from representing her school with the **Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation**, working as a writer and with other writers in the **Professional Writers Association of Canada**, facilitating professional development with teachers, and most recently knocking on doors for the Green Party of Canada, her focus has been on *building communities in which people can work together for the greater good*.

Some of Ellen's extensive volunteer and committee work:

- Founding member of the **WindShare Co-operative**
- Sits on the board of directors of the **Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto**
- Member of the **Toronto Heliconian Club, Women's Art Association of Canada**
- Volunteers with:
  - **Green Thumbs Growing Kids**
  - **Bleecker-Wellesley Activity Network**
  - **Hot Docs Film Festival, Regent Park Film Festival**
  - The **519 Church Street Community Centre's** Sunday drop-in
  - **Rosedale-Moore Park Community Association's** annual Mayfair Market
- Ellen also sings with the **Toronto Raging Grannies**.

Ellen was invited to speak at the **2010 Jane's Walk** in St. James Town that was organized by SEED (Safe Engaged Environments-Disability) about the need for vibrant community facilities and accessible public spaces, and at the UMOVE (**United Mothers Opposing Violence Everywhere**) 2009 and 2010 rallies. Ellen has been a member of the **Professional Writers Association of Canada** for over 20 years.

Ellen was a classroom teacher with the **Toronto District School Board** for many years, serving her community as the local **Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation** representative.

After retiring in June 2006, Ellen spent ten months on a fellowship with public school teachers in Greenland, where she witnessed the effects of climate change first-hand. Ellen then spent the month of June 2008 in Central America, working with English teachers in Guatemala and volunteering with a nonprofit organization in Nicaragua.

Ellen and her husband treasure their time with their grandchildren, who motivate them to work for a healthy, sustainable world.



## Why Ellen is Running

*Toronto Centre has been my home for more than 35 years. We need a riding-centred Member of Parliament. People in Toronto Centre have shared their views and dreams with me for our community and their lives, and I hope to help make those ambitions a reality.*

*Here are three simple examples I have heard from members of our riding: people want - and deserve - good green jobs, decent and affordable housing, and reliable public transit. I want to use the Green Party's sound economic policies to fulfill these commitments. The Green Party platform and budget make clear how we can achieve healthier, environmentally-responsible communities that can fulfill everyone's needs and aspirations.*

*So many people I have spoken with in our riding raise the subject of electoral reform, and urge me to further it. This is one of many pillars of the Green Party platform, and I will do my best to achieve it.*

*I am urging everyone in Toronto Centre to join me and the Green Party of Canada in making our riding a more vibrant, sustainable, and green community.*

*It's time. Vote Green.*

## About the Green Party of Canada

Green Parties around the world share common values as expressed in the **Charter of the Global Greens**. The policies of the Green Party of Canada are based on six fundamental principles

### Ecological Wisdom

We acknowledge that human beings are part of the natural world and we respect the specific value of all forms of life, including non-human species.

### Non-Violence

We declare our commitment to non-violence and strive for a culture of peace and cooperation between states.

### Social Justice

We assert that the key to social justice is the equitable distribution of resources to ensure that all have full opportunities for personal and social development.

### Sustainability

We recognize the scope for the material expansion of society within the biosphere, and the need to maintain biodiversity through the use of renewable resources.

### Participatory Democracy

We strive for a democracy in which all citizens have the right to express their views, and are able to directly participate in decisions, which affect their lives.

### Respect for Diversity

We honour and value equally the Earth's biological and ecological diversity together with the context of individual responsibility toward all beings.

## Get in touch!

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Our office is open **Monday-Saturday** from **11:00 am** to **7:00 pm**.

On **Sunday** our office is open from **11:00 am** to **6:00 pm**.

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Ellen with Green Party Leader Elizabeth May | March, 2010