

## Media Advisory

# Banned on the Hill!

## *Artist stands up to Harper Government intimidation and brings her “banned” art to the streets of Ottawa*

Canadian artist Franke James will open her crowd-funded, outdoor art show, “Banned on the Hill” in downtown Ottawa at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. Franke will give a walking tour showing the “banned art” which the Harper Government did not want exhibited in Europe.

**WHO:** Canadian artist and author Franke James. Franke’s visual essays – about rising emissions, loafing leaders and her personal responses to our environmental challenges – have earned her a spot on the Harper Government’s blacklist.

**WHAT:** Franke will lead a short walking tour of her “banned art”, posters from her cancelled 20 city European tour.

**WHEN:** Official opening and tour: November 2, 2011 at 12:00 noon. The show runs for one month.

**WHERE:** The posters are mounted in backlit, street-level ad displays located on Bank Street, just around the corner from the Prime Minister’s office in Ottawa. Walking tour starts at the south-west corner of Bank and Wellington and goes south to Bank and Queen.



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*Franke James is an award-winning artist whose visual essays on environmental and social issues have been reviewed and showcased around the world. She is the author of the illustrated book, Bothered by My Green Conscience, and a member of the Writers Union of Canada, PEN Canada and CARFAC. Franke has a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Victoria and lives in Toronto. For more information see: <http://www.frankejames.com>*