

September Week of Action



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A week of action.

In September the Fridays For Future climate strike movement is partaking in its biggest actions yet. After two successful global climate strikes resulting in the mobilising over 1.8 Million School children around the world, our governments are starting to listen but still failing to take serious action on the climate crisis, beyond symbolic gestures.

It is clear we need to escalate our actions if we are to have our voices heard. We are calling for a week of actions, starting on the 20th September 2019. This is our plan for the largest Mobilisation yet in this movement.



Friday 20th

General Strike - Sound the Alarm.

We are calling for the first general strike since 1926 to launch the week of action. It is time for adults to step up to the mark and join their children in the call to action.

We are uniting with unions and workers and emphasizing to the government that we need a just transition to a sustainable economy which protects both the environment and the livelihoods of our workers.

During the strike, we are asking you to “sound the alarm” - we want the people to wake up to the climate crisis we are facing and join in with the week of action. Strikers should bring along bells, drums, sirens, pots and pans and make as much noise of possible.

Saturday 21st

The death of our planet.

To highlight the potential catastrophic consequences of inaction on climate change, we are calling for mass die-ins across the country, a symbolic way to bring to light that we are currently facing a mass extinction.

These die-ins can happen anywhere - museums, government buildings, conference centres, fast-fashion retailers, schools, and universities. We want the public to see the painful image of what we are currently heading towards.

This is primarily about publicity; we need to mobilise as much of the population as possible to aid in our calls for governmental action.

We ask that our strikers acknowledge the potential legal issues around this kind of action, and encourage you to speak to our legal team if there is any uncertainty. It is important that above anything, our strikers are safe.

Sunday 22nd

People Power.

We, as a species, are unique in our ability to find solutions to problems much greater than ourselves. The pressing issue of climate change is of unfathomable scale and solutions can often seem unclear. That is why, on this day, we are calling for people of all ages to come together with scientists and academics to discuss and debate solutions to the climate crisis.

We hope to use this opportunity to draft a declaration from the youth, which will be presented to the government later in the week.

Monday 23rd

Day of Education.

On this day, we call for all schools and educational institutions and all teachers with a conscience to take this day out of normal lessons and teach the truth about this crisis.

One of the biggest crimes of our government and school system is its failure to teach about the full extent of the climate crisis. We are heading towards extinction and the truth is being hidden from the very people it will affect the most. Children have a right to know what could happen in their future so they can stand up for themselves.

Tuesday 24th

Day of disruption.

On this day we are calling for widespread disruption and civil unrest across the country to highlight the destruction that will be caused by climate catastrophe, and to emphasize the urgent need for radical action from governments around the world.

The extent of these disruptive actions is up to you: varying from personal disruption to your carbon-producing habits to large, co-ordinated public actions, whatever you do be sure to spread the message of the impending climate catastrophe.

We ask that all these actions stay legal where possible and encourage people to contact our legal team if there is any uncertainty about the legality of actions.

Wednesday 25th

Love for our planet.

On this day, we want to send out a reminder that we must always remember how beautiful our planet is and appreciate the diversity we are fighting to preserve.

We ask on this day everyone takes a pause from their busy lives and look around themselves to contemplate the miracle of life that we take for granted and think carefully about how we can make positive change to help protect the planet and ourselves.

We will be holding outdoor events across the country with family friendly activities and arts and crafts.

Thursday 26th

Do what's necessary.

The theme of this day is the government have to take the necessary action to prevent climate induced catastrophe.

We will present our declaration written earlier in the week to the Scottish Parliament on behalf of Scotland's youth and ask politicians to come out to listen in person to what we have to say.

Friday 27th

The end of the beginning.

We ask that everyone holds youth strikes across the country to signify the end of this week of actions.

To finish the week, we once more ask the youths of Scotland to strike from school and join us in marches and demonstrations.

We ask that people think about what is to come. This movement has only just begun, and it can and will continue to grow. We must not see this as the pinnacle of what we can do. Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.