



NEWSLETTER WEEK 9

Hey guys,

Welcome back to reality. We hope you had just the break you had hoped for and that you are all at least somewhat ready for whatever comes next. (Sure, who ever is?) As we enter the grey void between autumn break and Christmas that is called November, remember to keep your friends close, and your sweaters closer. And most importantly, for the next two weeks keep your fingers crossed for all those gathering on the other side of the Canal – for **COP26 has officially started.**



Special COP26 Edition

This newsletter will once again divert a bit from the usual setup. Instead of focusing on our actions, the main character will be **COP26**. We will present you with **petitions and protests** connected to the summit, as well a selection of news about it. This latter part is also a pilot for a new section of our newsletters, **Climate News**, where we will deliver climate-related news to you every week. The newsletter will end with reminders about upcoming events.

Take Action

First and foremost, **Greta Thunberg** and three other youth activists have started a petition in which they call world leaders to take urgent action:

'To world leaders,

'Betrayal.'

*That's how young people around the world describe **our governments' failure to cut carbon emissions**. And it's no surprise.*

*We are catastrophically far from the crucial goal of 1.5°C, and yet governments everywhere are still accelerating the crisis, **spending billions on fossil fuels**.*

*This is not a drill. It's code red for the Earth. Millions will suffer as our planet is devastated – **a terrifying future that will be created, or avoided, by the decisions you make**. You have the power to decide.*

*As citizens across the planet, **we urge you to face up to the climate emergency**. Not next year. Not next month. Now.'*

The petition follows with an outline of action required to avert climate catastrophe, including **emission reductions and aid to vulnerable countries** (objectives we talked about in our last newsletter). You can read the whole petition and sign it [here](#).



As we have written in previous newsletters, there is going to be a **climate protests in Amsterdam** this Saturday. We can't all go to Glasgow, but through local protests we can show decision makers gathered there that **the whole world is watching**. And thanks to our amazing volunteers, transport to and back from Amsterdam is being organised – you can sign up by scanning the QR-

code on the posters or by clicking on [this link](#).

JOIN THE CLIMATE MARCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH IN AMSTERDAM

We will get you to Amsterdam and back for cheap!

Sign up on the survey below:



SAVE EARTH!

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Climate News

So what has happened in Glasgow so far?

- Well, first of all what did not happen: **President Xi and President Putin have decided against attending the summit**. As leaders of the first and fifth biggest emitters respectively, their absence is likely to prove a **huge blow to a global push for climate action**. Furthermore, while Russia has adopted a climate strategy with the goal of climate neutrality by 2060, China's plan published last week is said to be largely the same as the one in 2015 - in short, not nearly ambitious enough. President Bolsonaro and President Erdogan are also absent from Glasgow. You can read more about the issue [here](#) and [here](#).
- President Modi did make an appearance and presented **India's climate plan**. This is important because 1, India is the world 4th biggest emitter that 2, previously did not make commitments to climate neutrality. However, ambition is lacking here as well: following the roadmap India would reach net zero by 2070 - that is, two decades later than summit goals. More about this [here](#).
- As the summit began, well-known figures have pleaded with world leaders to take decisive action. You can read about [Pope Francis'](#), [David Attenborough's](#), and [Queen Elizabeth's](#) addresses through the links provided.
- The first day brought the first agreement: over 100 countries, including Brazil will sign a **pledge to end deforestation by 2030**, and protect the 'lungs of our planet'. The signatories together cover around 85% of the world's forests. [Here's](#) the corresponding article.

Events to Keep in Mind

You guessed right.

[Amsterdam climate protest.](#)

Sign up. Join. Take action.



However, we also have something not COP-related coming up: the [grand opening of the Anne building](#)! Join the event this Wednesday 15.00-17.00 to celebrate this amazing new building – the Green Office will also be there to talk about our present and future collaborations.

Finally, as the Green Office is focusing on COP26, we don't have any events coming up this week. However, you can check out our instagram to [follow what we are up to in Glasgow](#) – we promise it will be exciting. :)

And that's all from us for now. Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful week,

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