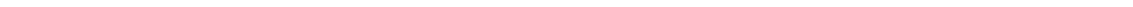




NEWSLETTER WEEK 11

Hey guys,

Welcome to Week 11 - and to the newest lockdown of the Netherlands! While it is objectively hard to live with the never-ending waves of regulations, remember that the whole world is struggling, and it is down to both sensible leadership and personal responsibility to make things better. (A comparison could be drawn here, but it is probably unnecessary to spell it out.) So stay safe, stay cool and - in the words of UCRadio - treat each other with kindness.





Vegan Week

Vegan Week has finally arrived! The aim of this week is to highlight the impact dietary decisions have on our planet and to help the UCR community in exploring what it means to lead a vegan lifestyle. (Spoiler alert: it doesn't have to be costly. Or an absolute switch.)

So what are the plans for this week?

- For all the **Elliott** regulars and oh-I-forgot-my-lunchers: to celebrate Vegan Week, Elliott will be serving a delicious **vegan sandwich** with grilled vegetables throughout the week.
- Staying on the (forever popular) topic of food: on Monday (so, yesterday... sorry) we had a **vegan burrito workshop** in collaboration with the **Cooking Society** - you can check our instagram for pictures!
- On Tuesday, we will be hosting a **get-together for our volunteers!** Join us in Bachtensteene to learn how to make fancy AND **vegan cocktails** - and how to drink them.

- Less connected to being vegan, but nonetheless an important part of a sustainable lifestyle: as always, we welcome you to the weekly **Mindful Midday Meditation** session on Friday!
- And finally, on Sunday we will post an **informative video on veganism** from our very own Emilia.



What did we do?

A **new episode of UCRadio** is out, and the Green Office is once again making an appearance. Listen to our **Green Talk** section where we share experiences from COP26, discuss the issues of climate anxiety and MAPA (Most Affected People and Areas) representation, and invite all of you to take action for a

better world. You can find the episode using [this link](#).

Would you like to buy food directly from local farmers? We can help you! In collaboration with **HZ Green Office**, we have created a **map indicating farms all around Zeeland** and what you can buy from them! Just hop on your bike, and get to know our neighbourhood and the people living here - a colourful and wholesome alternative to dragging yourself through Albert Heijn. :) Also, as we'd like to keep the map updated, feel free to send us further suggestions, pictures from your visit, as well as information about products and prices.

Local farms in Zeeland

This is a map that represents the local farmers and growers, with the purpose of encouraging university students to shop local, organic, seasonal and cheaper.

- 1 Loverendale-Ter Linde**
Oranjezonweg 1, 4356 EH Oostkapelle.
cheese from own cows, vegetables
- 2 Nijpjes**
Noordweg 516, 4333 KN Middelburg
Apples, pears, carrots, potatoes, onions, and eggs; environmentally friendly but not organic; payment with cash
- 3 Sheep Dairy Farm**
Mariekerke 24, 4365 NL Meliskerke
mainly sheep cheese and meat
- 4 Zeeuws Hof**
Zoutelandseweg 9, 4373 AM Biggekerke
potatoes, onions, broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, pumpkin, celery
(one of the houses at Biggekerke's main square sells chicken eggs)
- 5 Noordweg 139**
Noordweg 139, 4333 GC Middelburg
potatoes, onions, and kale; payment with cash
- 6 Bioduin**
Perduinsweg 3, 4371 SC Koudekerke
vegetables, and other organic products
- 7 Pitteperk**
Breeweg 21, 4371 SB Koudekerke
milk, Gouda cheese, eggs, jam
- 8 Roelse fruit**
Ter Poorteweg 13, 4371 RL Koudekerke
fruits and vegetables; payment with cash
- 9 De Visser AGF**
Oude Vlissingseweg 135, 4336 AC Middelburg
vegetables, fruit, meat, dairy
- 10 Hof Eindelienghe**
Zandweg 54a, 4389 TH Ritthem
vegetables

Map locations: Domburg, Vrouwenpolder, Veere, Middelburg, Vlissingen, Kamperland, Nieuwdorp.

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Climate News

COP26 ended last Saturday. Now, what do we make of it?

The deal struck at the end of COP26 has been described both as a historic step and as a failure. PM Boris Johnson expressed his hope that it would be seen as the 'beginning of the end of climate change', while COP President Alok Sharma fought back tears as he apologised for the results. So what is the truth? In the

week's Climate News, we will take a closer look at the deal to try and see where it achieved something - and where it fell short.

- **Decision on coal.** Let's start with the good news: this is the **first COP ever** to agree on the need to limit the use of coal. In other words, even though reducing emissions has been at the centre of climate negotiations and the environmental impact of the coal industry has been known, leaders didn't manage to collectively say that it had to go - until Glasgow. *However.* In the very last minute, India asked for the language on coal to be changed from **phasing out to phasing down** - and the other countries, afraid of not reaching a deal, agreed. This means that now instead of setting out to get coal ruled out completely, countries only need to reduce their usage - a huge difference. And while [India's dependence on coal](#) has to be kept in mind, the move received a dark backdrop as [schools were closed in Delhi](#) last Sunday because of hazardously poor air quality.
- **Financing.** Developed countries once again pledged to help poorer countries in tackling climate change. However, as they have yet to deliver on their promises made back in 2009, it remains to be seen whether this pledge will amount to anything.
- **Climate plans.** As we wrote earlier, most countries failed to show up to COP26 with an ambitious enough climate plan. Now, instead of giving them another 5 years, as it was outlined in the Paris agreement, the parties have **12 month to revise** their resolutions. This way, climate action might be accelerated and the ambition of the plans will hopefully start catching up with the gravity of the situation.
- **In numbers.** While the magic number of 1.5°C was repeated throughout the summit, and the deal signals the parties' commitment to it, analysis shows that the current pledges would lead the world to **warm by 2.4°C**. On the climate podcast of The Economist, To a lesser degree, the shortcomings of the present agreements were [summarised](#) with the following numbers: in order to keep 1.5°C alive, the parties collectively need to cut back on their emission by **23-27 billion tonnes of CO2** within the next decade - and the deals reached at COP26 leave us with a cut back of **6 billion tonnes**.

- **Developing countries.** The outcome of the summit has received **criticism from a number of developing countries**. From a lack of MAPA representation through unfulfilled promises on financial help to the focus on coal and the omission of oil and natural gas, these countries expressed disappointment in COP26.
- **China and the US.** President Xi's refusal to attend the summit, and his siding with India on watering down the language on coal has drawn a lot of criticism. It is all the more interesting that last week representatives of China and the United States (the two biggest emitters of the world) held a joint press conference where they revealed a **bilateral agreement** to fight climate change. The significance of the agreement is underscored by the icy relationship of the two countries - still, its seriousness is yet to be proven by action.
- You can read more about the COP26 deal [here](#) and [here](#).



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

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