



NEWSLETTER WEEK 14

Oh, week fourteen,

How do I loath thee? Let me count the ways. Thou art ev'rything that challenges the lonely soul; forsooth, fourteen weeks of suffering all wrapp'd up in one, that is what thou art. Twelve days hence th're shall beest laught'r, but now we art too tired even to weepeth. Oh, wherefore doth thee t'rture the po'r? Wherefore thee not leaveth us in peace? Fie, I prayeth thee: if't be true we has't to suff'r, alloweth the suff'ring beest light and swift.

...Hey guys,

Yes, we are still sane. You?



Open Positions

LAST CALL!

What are we looking for?

Motivated and creative students who would like to start the next semester either as the **Academics Manager** or the **Internal Affairs Manager and Treasurer** of the Green Office.

What do you need to do?

- Send us your **motivation letter** - the deadline is **this Wednesday!**
- Take part in an **interview** with two of our members.

For more information, visit [this link](#). If you have any further questions, you can always contact us.

Hope to see you! :)



Things to see, things to do

The holiday season is here - and with it, the time of presents. But what if instead of rushing to the shops, you could be a bit more sustainable this year? This is exactly what Foundation Verbeter de Wereld had in mind when they started the campaign [Give a Present Present](#). A Present Present is anything that is not newly purchased: it can be an experience, something handmade, or second-hand - the goal is to come together in giving **100,000 less new presents** this year. If you would like to join, send us a video or picture of your Present Present - we will share it on our instagram, and add it to the campaign's countdown. Let's make this winter merry and green together. :)



Have you been around our Instagram lately? If not, you're missing out on a whole bunch of wonders. We continued our MAPA posts - this time you can read about the Chadian environmental activist [Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim](#). Also, Heleen has developed her films from the Utrecht climate march and Glasgow - check out her posts for some beautiful pictures! (A hint: this newsletter also has some of them.)

Lastly, Myrto has finished her short [documentary about COP26!](#) If you want to see what we did in Glasgow, just stay tuned - we will release the video in the coming days.

Climate News

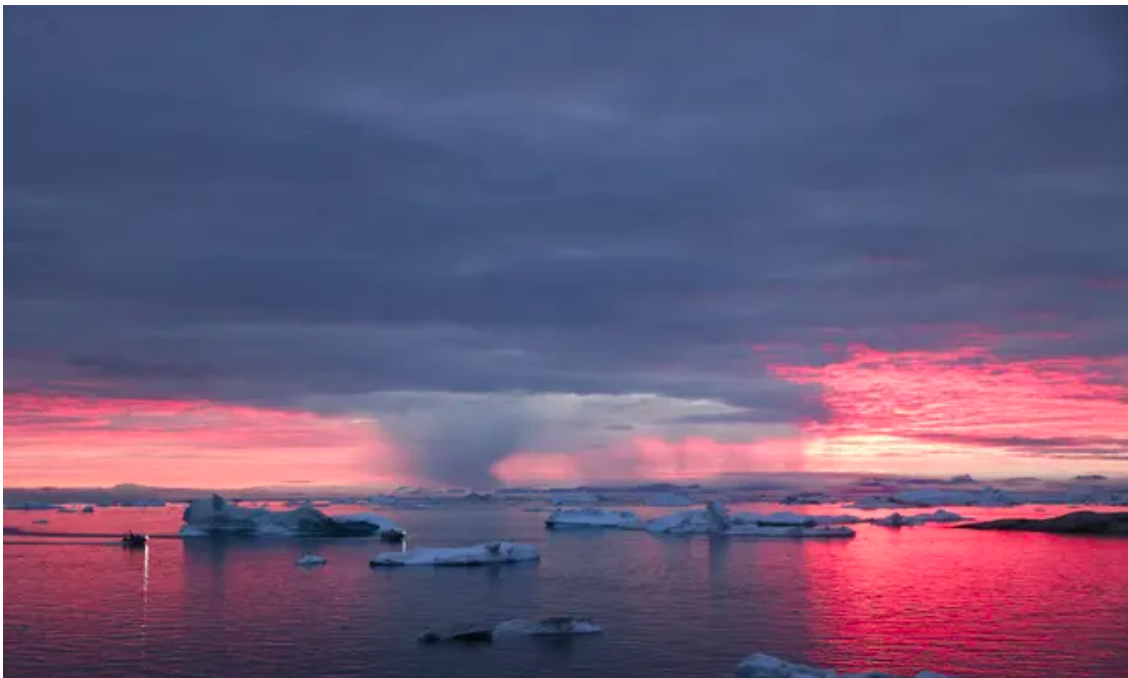
Moving on to the news of last week.

We begin with [Brazil](#), where severe [desertification](#) is destroying the northeast, the world's most densely populated dryland. Caused partly by [climate change-induced droughts](#), the problem was exacerbated by locals who made short term decisions to get by. Meanwhile, President Bolsonaro does nothing to reverse the process, and has in fact rolled back several environmental regulations. The disaster of desertification is taking place all over the world in areas home to [half a billion people](#), and is already affecting global food production.

To read more about the topic and why some locals' livelihood depends on droughts, read the full [New York Times article](#).



Jumping over to the other side of the world: a study found that under the current rate of global warming, **rain will replace snow as the Arctic's most common form of precipitation** before the end of the century. The implications could be devastating and include, among other things, the acceleration of global warming, the rise of sea levels, and the melting of the permafrost. As Michelle McCrystal, who led the research, put it: 'What happens in the Arctic, doesn't stay there.' You can find the [Guardian's reporting here](#).



And finally: **sex-editing for animal welfare**? With the help of gene editing technology, scientists in the UK created male-only and female-only litters of mice. According to their report, this could be a turning point in animal welfare: apart from preventing the destruction of mice in single-sex research, it could save millions of male chickens from being slaughtered each year. Berney Reed,

member of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals called for 'robust' regulations. He also pointed out the irony in talking about 'benefits' in connection to problems created by humans themselves.

And that's it for today. Have a wonderful one-but-last week,

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