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This is the Scientists4Future NL newsletter of May 2022, this month coordinated by **S4F Leiden**. To subscribe, click [here](#). To unsubscribe, use the link at the bottom of this email.

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## FNV klimaatnetwork - sign the petition

"No jobs on a dead planet" - FNV

University employees in NL are represented by labour union FNV. While they have an ambitious vision for climate action, there is a lack of community and coordination between local initiatives. To change this, members are petitioning FNV to start a network focusing on climate action.

Want to see more action linking sustainable work and climate action? Sign the petition [here](#) (you don't have to be an FNV member).

## Klimaathelpdesk is looking for volunteers

[Klimaathelpdesk.org](#) (a project partly initiated at S4F), is a volunteer-run platform that connects citizens who have climate questions to the experts with answers. We currently are in need of volunteers focussed on web development, communication, and strategy.

As a *web developer*, you can independently implement small enhancements to our website (written in Wagtail, a Python CMS). You can also help us implement ready-made updates that have been prepared by a partner organization, or come up with your own ideas to enhance our platform. In the *communications team*, you can think along on how to reach a wide audience using our communications channels, campaigns and collaborations. Illustrators are also welcome, to spice up our articles with original artwork. In the *strategy team*, you can help us think about how to secure funding and routes to grow in our mission to provide easy to understand climate information for everyone.

For more information, see our (Dutch) [vacancy page](#). Non-Dutch speakers are welcome too! Any questions can be addressed to [info@klimaathelpdesk.org](mailto:info@klimaathelpdesk.org).

## Write to your EU representatives

[Action by NGO Transport and Environment](#)

This 7 and 8 June, the **European Parliament is voting** on proposals that can hasten or stall the **reduction in CO2 emissions from passenger cars and light commercial vehicles**. These are responsible for 15% of all Europe's carbon dioxide emissions and are also the single largest source of toxic nitrogen dioxide pollution, which cuts short the lives of over 40,000 Europeans every year. The solution lies in *electrifying transport as quickly as we can* (read the full policy proposal [here](#)).

The vote will be really close, and we need the support of two crucial Dutch EU parliamentarians including Esther de Lange and Tom Berendsen. They are currently under immense pressure to follow their conservative German colleagues, and the car industry lobby is strong.

**How can you help:** write/tweet/email the Dutch EU parliamentarians (contact details [here](#)) and ask them to vote for ambitious CO2 reduction targets. Details are [here](#), and an email template in Dutch [here](#). Send your emails *before 6 June* to maximise the impact!

## Faculty for a Future launch

Faculty for a Future is a worldwide, UK-led platform aiming to connect academics on climate action. Their values and goals are very much aligned with S4F, and we look forward to learning from them in the future! They have built an impressive platform, and we encourage you to check out their initiatives on research, teaching, engagement, and institutional change.



Check out the new website [here](#)

Sign up to contribute to their projects [here](#)

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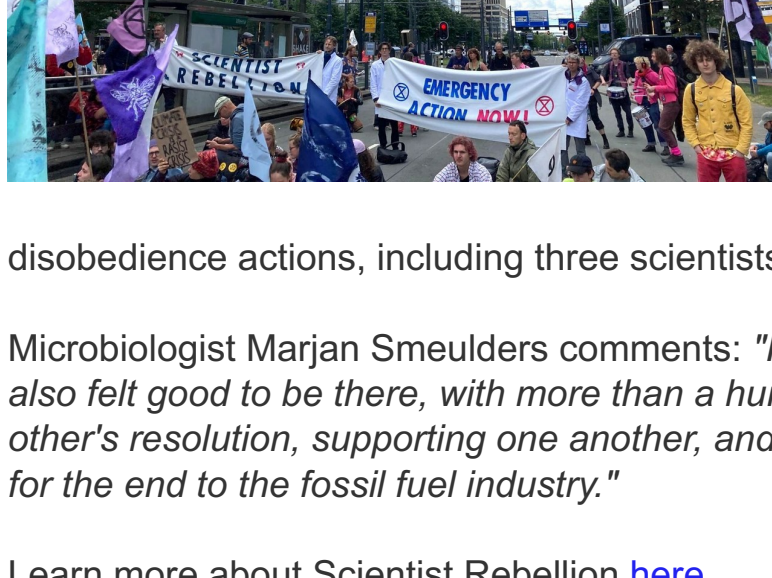
Register for future hub launch events (on e.g. teaching, research and community engagement) [here](#)

## Outcome on ABP's accountability body elections

Thank you for voting for ABP's accountability body - the election was a great succes!

[All five green candidates endorsed by FossielVrij](#) have [been elected](#), and will keep a close eye on ABP's divestment actions over the years.

## Scientists rebel against fossil fuel industry



Academics from various disciplines, united under the banner of the Scientist Rebellion, participated in the [Extinction Rebellion Week of Action against the fossil fuel industry](#).

On May 19th, a group of scientists joined hundreds of people in a march through the center of Rotterdam to demand emergency action on the climate crisis.

On the 23rd, multiple scientists joined a blockade of a Shell office building, protesting the company's continuing investment in fossil fuels. In total 175 persons were arrested in civil

disobedience actions, including three scientists.

Microbiologist Marjan Smeulders comments: *"It felt odd to be on the wrong side of the law. But it also felt good to be there, with more than a hundred civilians, lying on the ground, feeling each other's resolution, supporting one another, and accepting arrest in order to reinforce our demand for the end to the fossil fuel industry."*

Learn more about Scientist Rebellion [here](#).



## Climate march, 19 June Rotterdam

On Sunday 19 June 13:00, the [National Climate March](#) will take place in Rotterdam, starting at Binnenrotte. Scientists4Future is organising the science block and we are looking that many academics and scientists join us.

Scientists worldwide are taking to the streets to demand climate action. We hope this sends a strong signal to policy makers to take the climate crisis seriously and start taking the necessary action.

More funding is still needed to make the march a success. You can donate to the good cause [here](#).

Join us on 19 June! Keep an eye on [our website](#) to let us know you're joining the science block. We make ourselves visible as academics and scientists by wearing a lab coat. So if you have one, please bring it with you. If not, let us know and we will arrange to have a labcoat available for you. The science is clear: we need emergency action now!

## Recommended listening, reading, and watching

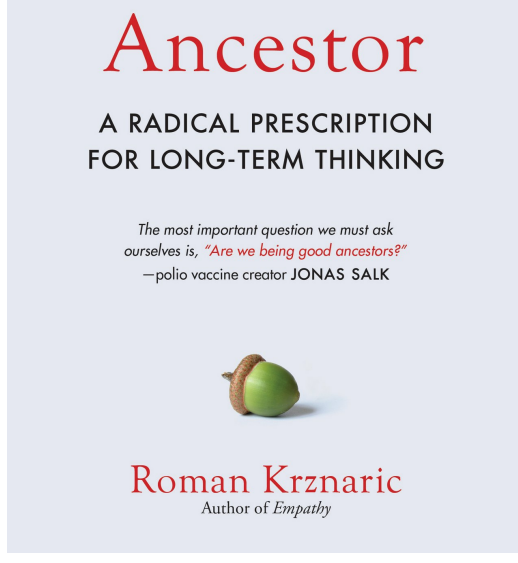
Podcast [Overloed](#)

As part of the Amsterdams Kleinkunst Festival, scientist-comedian team Sjoerd Groeskamp and Patrick Nederkorn interview a series of thinkers about the question: *how will the Netherlands look in 2100?*

Speakers:

- #1 Heleen Ekker – Klimaat- en energiejournalist NOS
- #2 Aniek Moonen – Voorzitter Jonge Klimaatbeweging
- #3 Laura van Rutten – Oprichter van Het Klimaatmuseum
- #4 Iman Stratenus – The Future Firm, ideeën over het opnieuw inrichten van Nederland
- #5 Marjan Minnesma – Directeur Stichting Urgenda

Listen to the podcasts [here](#) (in Dutch).



Book [The Good Ancestor - Roman Krznaric](#)  
Review by Arthur Oldeman

If you like the work of Kate Raworth, Mariana Mazzucato and Rutger Bregman, you will certainly enjoy the perspective of The Good Ancestor, by Roman Krznaric.

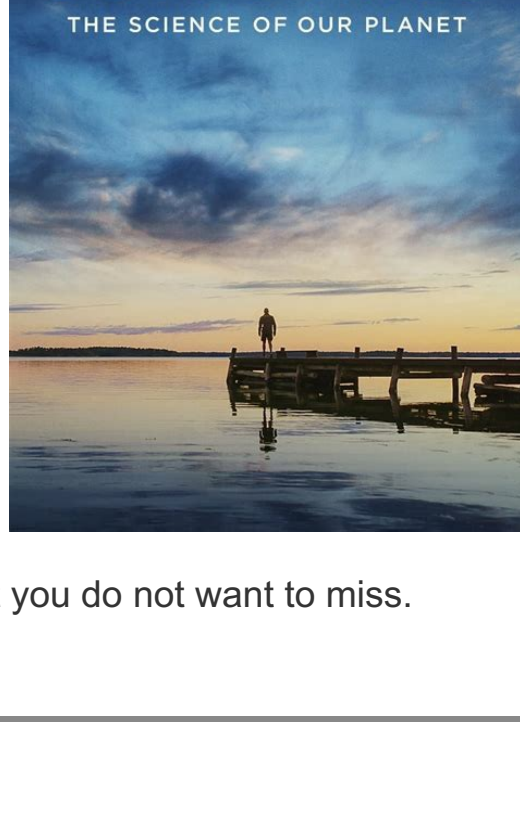
In a world focused on short-term successes, a book on long-term thinking is a very welcome read. This long-term perspective is a hopeful framing when you consider the climate and ecological crises as the present-day existential threats to humankind. Within the climate movement, we can especially draw on his concepts of 'Cathedral thinking' and 'Intergenerational justice' to build our future society and achieve the systems change we need. However, the climate crisis also needs an urgent response now. The book does miss a note on how to achieve the changes necessary now, instead of tomorrow. Still, Krznaric offers some hopeful insight

for building a resilient future, and escape our short-termism.

Documentary [Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet](#)  
Review by Fabian Dablander

We are facing a series of interconnected crises, from the climate emergency and ocean acidification to biodiversity loss and the vast overshoot of the natural nitrogen and phosphorus flows. Earth system scientists have developed the so-called Planetary Boundary framework, which quantifies core Earth system processes and boundaries that we better not transgress. These boundaries define a [safe operating space for humanity](#).

In a mere hour, the documentary Breaking Boundaries — featuring David Attenborough and Johan Rockström — summarizes the planetary boundary framework and sketches the interlinked crises we are currently facing, and which might get dramatically worse if we fail to act. Breaking Boundaries is an informative, insightful, and beautifully made documentary that you do not want to miss.



## Upcoming events

**30th May:** [In-person lecture by Katherine Hayhoe](#), Amsterdam University College. Her book on climate communication, 'Saving Us', is now available in Dutch (['Hoop voor de aarde'](#)).

**9th June:** [S4F NL webinar](#), Joyeeta Gupta "Climate Change, Environmental Justice and Fossil Fuels".

**14th June:** [Cycling 4 Climate](#).

**19th June:** [Climate March](#), Rotterdam. S4F NL will march with the science block.

## Local groups

- Amsterdam
- [Utrecht](#)
- Leiden
- [Delft](#)
- [Twente](#)
- Nijmegen
- Deventer/Zutphen
- Groningen
- Maastricht
- NIOZ (Texel and Yerseke)

[Starters Guide for new active members](#)

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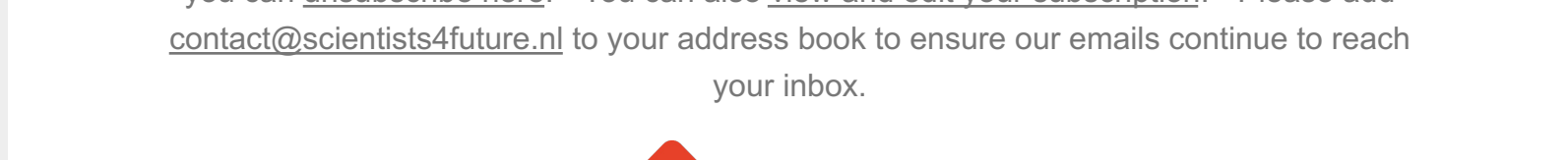
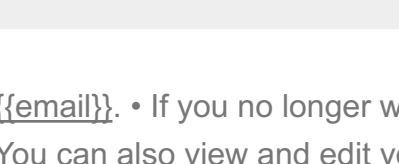


Local S4F-NL groups

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## Get involved!

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