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Editorial

If there's anything that you take away from this newsletter, let it be the following: there's many different ways to make impact! Last month, you read about sports events and letters to members of parliament, this month we bring to you **activism** in Nijmegen, a **S4F revival** in Amsterdam, and **media coverage** in multiple outlets!

Another way for you to make a positive impact is by joining us for the **national meeting this Saturday**, in Utrecht. We'll be meeting in the afternoon, and you can sign up [here](#). Are you joining us for the potluck afterwards, too? We hope to see you there!

The Elephant in the Lecture Hall

By Juliette Alenda

On March 20th, Radboud University organized the ceremony for the [education awards](#). Two members of S4F Radboud were nominated and decided to take this occasion to raise important issues related to education, by teaming up with other local organisations and unions focusing on working conditions in universities and recognition and rewards. Overall, even if of course the nominations were appreciated, we also felt that it was problematic for several reasons:

- (1) individual awards are not the way to go to reduce competition and pressure in academia, especially if we are serious about recognition and rewards,
- (2) it is rewarding individuals and silencing others when these individual awards are in reality never about one person, and
- (3) it is used to advertise practices that are far from reflecting the entire culture of the university (green and social washing), and
- (4) it is hiding many problems in terms of inequalities and contracts.

As members of S4F and SR, we focused on the [Elephant in the Lecture Hall](#) campaign, advocating for mandatory climate education in universities. We were able to distribute flyers to important decision-makers at Radboud in a friendly atmosphere, and have some of our messages displayed and discussed, even briefly unfortunately, during the ceremony!



Revival S4F Amsterdam

By Sietse Kiewiet and Disa Sauter

Are you located in Amsterdam and want to become active in Scientist4Future? Then we are looking for you!

The Amsterdam S4F-group has been a bit quiet lately, but we want to change that! We are planning to form a small group with scientists based at the University of Amsterdam (UvA), Vrije Universiteit (VU), or other (research) institutes. We would like to come together regularly (in-person/Zoom) to investigate & think about ways we can contribute locally to the climate cause.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please send us an e-mail at contact@scientists4future.nl. If you are already an (active) member, please join the Amsterdam local group on Slack!

S4F in the (university) media

We already knew that S4Fers are busy bees that work on many things at the same time! Therefore, we thought we'd share some of their amazing work and newspaper contributions with you:

8 April, on [Leiden university's homepage](#): Anne Urai and colleague Clare Kelly about their paper [Rethinking academia in a time of climate crisis](#)

8 April, [in NRC](#): Philipp and Marjan about university collaborations with the fossil industry

11 April, [in Parool](#): Karin and Philipp about pesticide use in the horticultural industry

15 April, [on ScienceLink](#): Geert-Jan Kroes and Philipp about ties between fossil industry and universities

Upcoming events

April

- 18 April, 11:30-19:00: [What do we want \(or not want\) from publishers](#), by Universiteit van Nederland in Utrecht
- 20 April, 13:00-17:00: in-person national meeting in Utrecht (e-mail contact@scientists4future.nl for the location, sign up [here](#))
- 29 April, 20:00: [Tipping points series - stille wateren](#), in Pakhuis de Zwijger (Amsterdam)

May

- 13 May, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)

June

- 6-9 June: EU elections
- 18 June, 20:00: national meeting Scientists4Future NL on [Zoom](#)
- 21 June: Running 4 Climate & Cycling 4 Climate

Local groups



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

Get involved!

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