

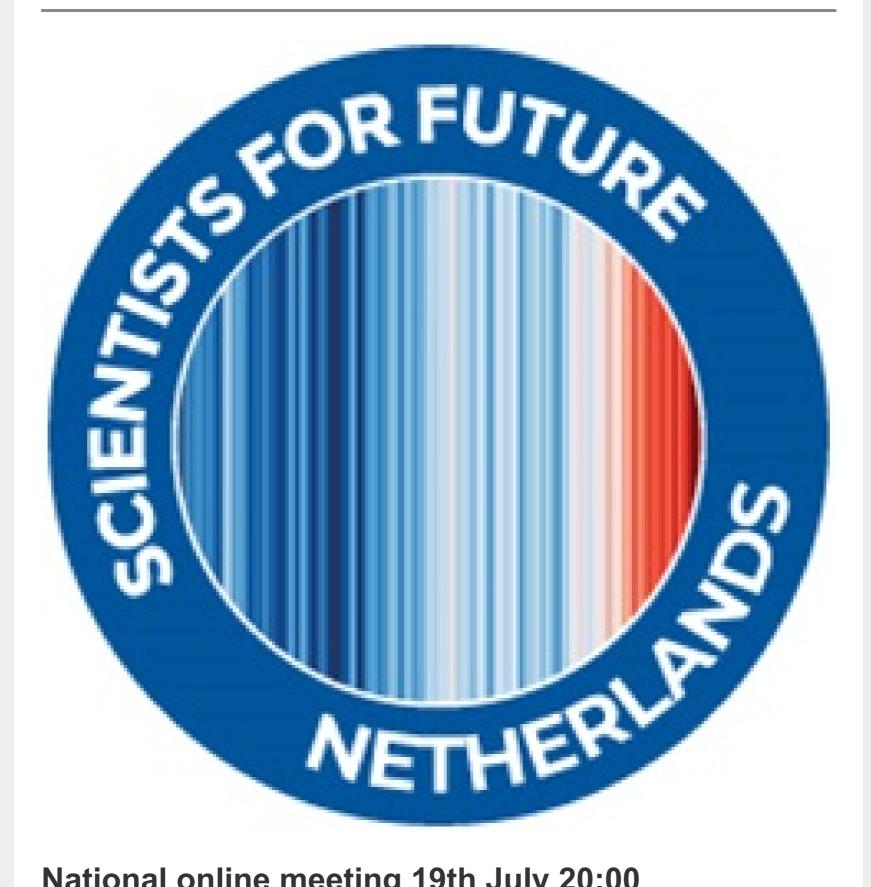
Dear {{voornaam}},

This is the Scientists4Future NL newsletter of July 2023. To subscribe, click here. To unsubscribe, use the link at the bottom of this email.



In this newsletter:

- Upcoming events national online meeting 19 July, get involved! meetings of local groups
- News on actions and past events physical meeting in Utrecht, support for EU green deal, stop fossil subsidies, and more!
- Material for the holidays
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National online meeting 19th July 20:00

Are you concerned about climate change but not sure what you can do about it? Or are you involved in other groups but curious about Scientists for Future? Please join our Meet & Greet on Wednesday July 19th at 19.30: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84413668897? pwd=OU9oNWIgRVRNUzJrRkRXaUs2MFdzQT09. We will tell you about how Scientists for Future works and the kind of work we do, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and informally meet others. Join us: we are stronger together! For questions, please email us at contact@scientists4future.nl

With a Meet-and-Greet for new members of S4F beforehand (19:30).

You want to get involved?

Central to the networking and organization of S4F is the platform Slack, where people exchange ideas in topic-specific channels (such as Fossil Free Finance or Science and Solidarity) and coordinate any actions. If you want to get involved in S4F and stay updated about all ongoing projects, contact <u>contact@scientists4future.nl</u>, tell us about your motivation and you will be added to the S4F NL Slack! There are several other opportunities to get involved:

- Join one of the working groups, such as *science and solidarity*, *transparency fossil ties*
- or team education.
- Join one of the local groups, some are more active than others, but you can start a new one as well: if you live in the neighbourhood of Tilburg, join the #team-tilburg channel on Slack, it has just started.

Local group meetings S4F Utrecht kick-off meeting

Are you in the Utrecht area, want to get involved in S4F but don't know where to start? Come to the S4F Utrecht kick-off meeting on September 7th. We will introduce S4F, its past actions and discuss new plans for a local chapter in Utrecht. Everyone is welcome, no matter your career stage or discipline. This explicitly includes students as support roles are equally important in S4F. You only need to bring your motivation and curiosity. Refreshments will be provided. Are you interested? Please fill in this (optional) registration form. Time & location:

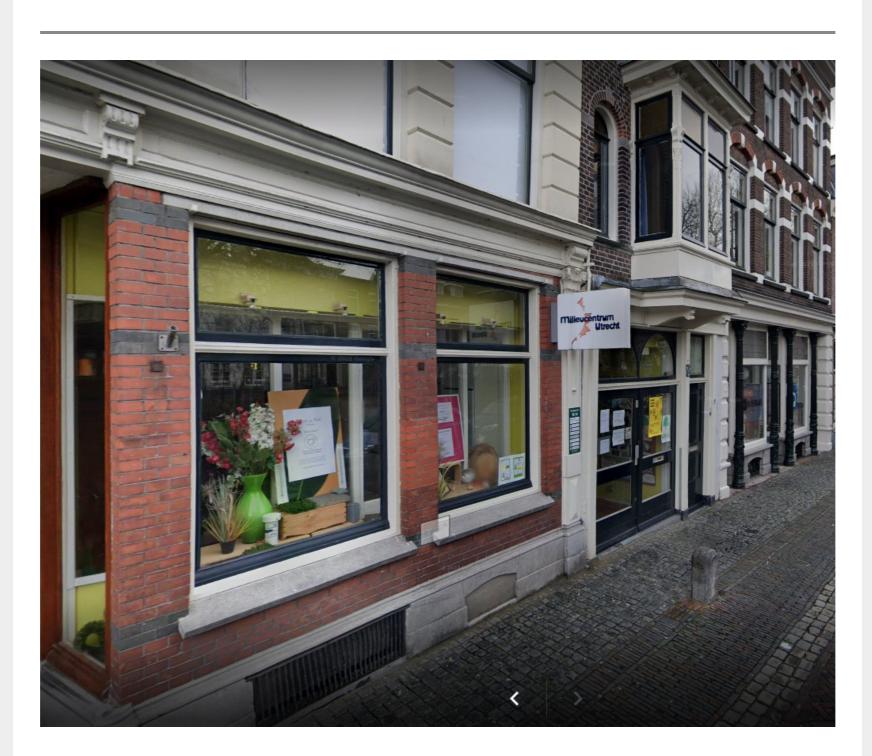
September 7th, 5-7pm

David de Wiedgebouw 1.15

Universiteitsweg 99, 3584 CG Utrecht

Nijmegen

The Nijmegen S4F group has joined forces with the Nijmegen Scientist Rebellion group and we are working on several projects: sustainable banking and investing, mandatory climate education for all students, cutting the ties with fossil industries, information for new international employees and students on sustainable companies and we will follow in the footsteps of S4F Wageningen and continue reading the IPCC AR6 report in an IPCC marathon in the autumn.



Physical meeting in Utrecht (June)

About 15 S4F members got together for a sociable and work-intense meeting in Utrecht. We have clarified our relationship with Scientist Rebellion, streamlined onboarding and endorsement processes and clarified roles in lots of other projects we're pursuing. We'll discuss the next steps in our national meeting on July 19th, so stay tuned;)

For the details, please see the minutes: <u>https://pad.riseup.net/p/uAkgZJnym1I4I_k1zWzt-keep</u> You can put your name into this file to sign up for tasks or offer your help. Please get in touch with Philipp if you have any questions.



Sustainable Use Regulation and the Nature Restoration Law

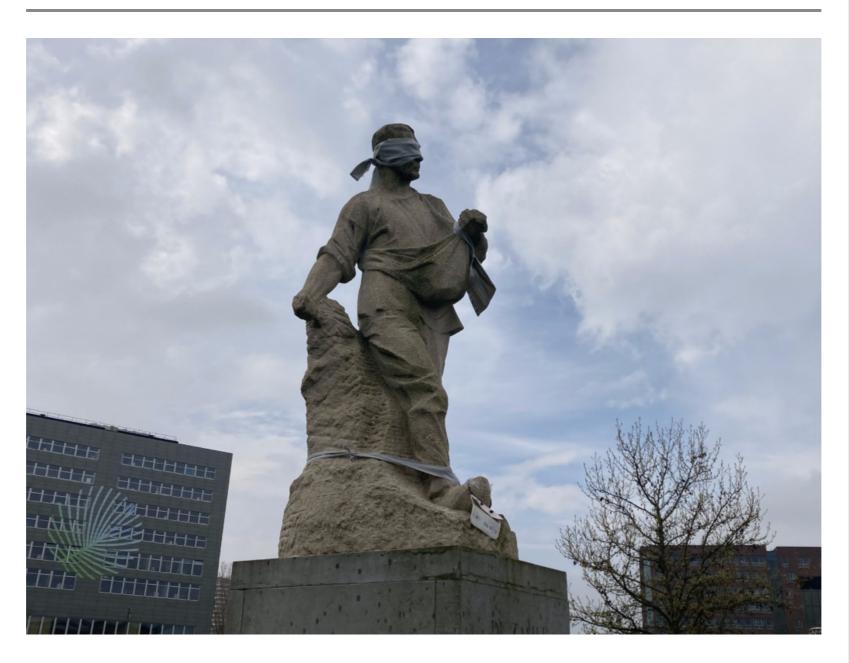
The EU's Green Deal is currently being under attack, with particular focus on the Sustainable Use Regulation (SUR) and the Nature Restoration Law (NRL). Much of the attack is based on misinformation. Accordingly, the scientific community is deeply concerned about the ongoing discussions around the EU's Green Deal. A team, led by Guy Pe'er (UFZ) we have compiled a letter outlining the major routes of misinformation regarding SUR and NRL and contrasted it with scientific evidence. S4F NL called to join as a signatory to urge policy makers to continue the legislative procedure for the SUR and the NRL and invite opponents of the Green Deal for a consultation with scientists.

You can read the scientist statement here:

https://www.idiv.de/fileadmin/content/Files CAP Fitness Check/Summary for Policymakers Scientists support Green Deal and reject attack on SUR and NRL 7.6.23.pdf and find information about the parliament vote here

https://www.euractiv.com/section/climate-environment/news/eus-nature-restoration-law-in-the-balance-ahead-of-decisive-july-vote/

Following a vote in the European Parliament's environment committee on June 27 the future of the NRL is uncertain and depends on the whole Parliament vote in July. Failing of the NRL would mean further deterioration of European's ecosystems as well as falling short on EU's international commitment to restore 30% of degraded land and sea areas by 2030.



S4F Wageningen backs up student activists

Some members of S4F Wageningen wrote this letter in support of student activists. https://www.resource-online.nl/index.php/2023/05/16/letter-to-the-editor-wageningen-cherishyour-activists/?lang=en

More on Peat

By Philipp Gramlich Peat in the Netherlands: S4F mentioned in the bio of this greenity article. It was wonderful working with the journalist Ellis Langen on this article; she really dug deeply into the topic. The article (attached) is behind a strict paywall, so please inform me if you want to do anything with it.

Bijlage 4 interview Turfvrij.nl.PDF

Several convenant parties and we have been interviewed by Het Financieel Dagblad about peat: https://fd.nl/samenleving/1477870/maken-onze-groene-vingers-de-natuur-kapot

A new interview with Karin for RTLnieuws, which resulted in a very crispy article: https://www.rtlnieuws.nl/nieuws/nederland/artikel/5380252/potgrond-turf-natuur-tuinaardezakken-kopen-biologisch

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ated by 350.org a letter with more than 25,000 signatures handed over to the Dutch parliament calling to an end of sidies for fossil fuels, which would free up billions for a fair sition. S4F NL supports this demand.

os://act.350.org/signup/Organisaties-brandbrief-kabinet/?

Fossil Free Finance

S4F engages around university investments, calling upon universities to divest from fossil related funds or banks associated with unsustainable investments. Universities are handling budgets (pay rolls, pensions, etc.) of hundreds of million euros which comes with huge responsibility regarding their financial decisions.

A concrete action, as mentioned by *Felix van Vugt*:

"How would you feel about this idea: I would think it would be a good idea to draw up a letter with a coalition of Fossil Free Higher Education Utrecht, Scientist Rebellion Utrecht, Scientist For Future Utrecht and End Fossil Occupy Utrecht to both the Executive Boards of HU and UU, and perhaps also the HKU, University for Humanistics and the Marnix, to release the employees and students for the demonstration on the A12 on September 9 (and the week after). We are very likely to get a no, but it does provide a moment to emphasize the urgency. We are very likely to get a no, but it does provide a moment to emphasize the urgency."

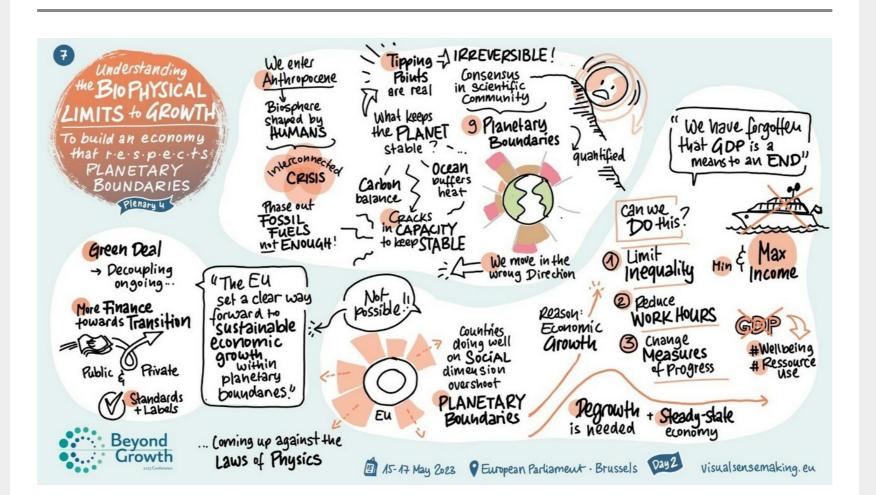
The science-and-solidarity working group is picking this up and mentions that a "no" is not completely unavoidable!



Climate Action Conference - save the date!

On october 1, in Utrecht, the next national conference will be held for all climate groups to gather and plan actions. The programme includes: how to achieve fossil-free universities, working towards terminating fossil subsidies and actions in the context of the UN's COP this fall. More information will become available later, but if you have questions now, mail info@klimaatactieconferentie.nl.

We plan to discuss how to contribute during the online meeting in July.



Beyond Growth Conference, Brussels

By Juliette Alenda

In May, the Beyond Growth conference happened in Brussels, thanks to the combined efforts of the coalition of green and left parties at the European Parliament, supported by many organisations (such as Friends of the Earth, Research and Degrowth, The Club of Rome, Finance Watch, among many others). The goal was to introduce this important dialogue in the Parliament and engage with policy-makers. Thousands participated online and on location. Unfortunately, with some limits, that were quite visible during the plenary. It was quite interesting to see the mismatch between amazing speakers (such as Yamina Saheb or Dan O'Neill) who received standing ovations, and the awkward silence when officials, the first being Ursula von der Leyen on Monday, continuously talked about 'sustainable growth'. As is everything was just falling on deaf ears.

Zooming in on the panels, discussions were much deeper and more insightful, as Panel 3 on Beyond Europe, Panel 9 on the energy sector, Panel 14 on a circular economy, or Panel 20 on justice, among many others. Everything is now accessible online, just follow this link: https://www.beyond-growth-2023.eu/programme/. Overall, the energy that everyone felt during the conference is of utmost importance: we are many ready to discuss and imagine a postgrowth, just, and sustainable world.

Picture: Visual of Plenary 4: Understanding the biophysical limits to growth to build an economy that respects planetary boundaries



From the postbox

The general email address <u>contact@scientists4future.nl</u> regularly receives requests for support or information. One such request is this one:

Dear Alliance of World Scientists member,

To keep up the momentum on our Scientists' Warning article series and help raise awareness about environmental crises, I am issuing a call for papers.

If you would like to propose to take the lead on writing and publishing a Scientists' Warning article, please email me at scientistswarning@oregonstate.edu and give me the working title and the name of the lead author so I can add you to the list. See the attached list of 42 published articles (and links) for ideas on how to write a Scientists' Warning paper. Also, in the attached file is a list of 65 scientists' warning articles that are currently in preparation.

Some pointers when in writing a scientists' warning article:

1) Your title should start with "Scientists' Warning on"

2) You find your own co-authors and then send the manuscript to the journal of your choice.

3) You send me a copy of your published warning article and I will publicize it to the Alliance of World scientists (26k scientists)

Thank you for your support. Bill,

William J. Ripple, Director, Alliance of World Scientists

There is	a list of at least 50 potential topics, such as:
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- Scientists' Warning on Artificial Intelligence and Extinction Risk 1. Scientists' Warning on Coral Reefs 2.
- 3. Scientists' Warning on the Impacts of Economic Growth
- . . . 16. Scientists' Warning on the Loss of Biodiversity
- Scientists' Warning on Ozone Depletion 17. Scientists' Warning on Food Waste 18.

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For the full list, consult the "general-s4f" Slack channel (June 3)

Holiday reading and listening

Drilled

A nice podcast for the holiday season? Here is what Marjan Smeulders wrote about "Drilled": Drilled is very good. I recently listened to season 8: on Exxon Mobil moving into Guyana waters to start drilling a massive oil field. And all the tactics that are used to get the most profitable deal out of the Guyana government: <u>https://www.drilled.media/drilled-podcast/</u> For decades now, the fossil fuel industry has told the same story: Oil equals development and prosperity. Access. Equality. Stability. A better quality of life. As the world's fossil fuel companies race to tap the last of the planet's oil reserves we have a chance to examine that promise up close, in real time.

DRILLED Podcast

Drilled is a true-crime podcast about climate change. The show was launched in 2017 and is hosted by investigative journalist Amy Westervelt. In 2019, it was awarded the Online News Association award for excellence in audio storytelling, in 2020 it was named Best Green Podcast in the iHeart Radio Podcast Written by Amy Westervelt, Feb 11th, 2022 (55 kB) https://www.drilled.media/drilled-podcast/

Beyond Growth Conference

The Beyond Growth conference took place in May and the talks can be replayed: 15-17 May 2023 - Beyond Growth 2023 Conference Beyond Growth – Pathways towards Sustainable Prosperity in the EU. (58 kB) https://www.beyond-growth-2023.eu/

Local groups

- amsterdam@scientists4future.nl
- Utrecht • Leiden
- Delft
- Twente
- Nijmegen
- Deventer/Zutphen Groningen
- Maastricht
- NIOZ (Texel and Yerseke)
- Wageningen

Starters Guide for new active members

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter where we share national and international news regarding the role of scientists in times of the climate crisis.



Local S4F-NL groups Adapted from original

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