

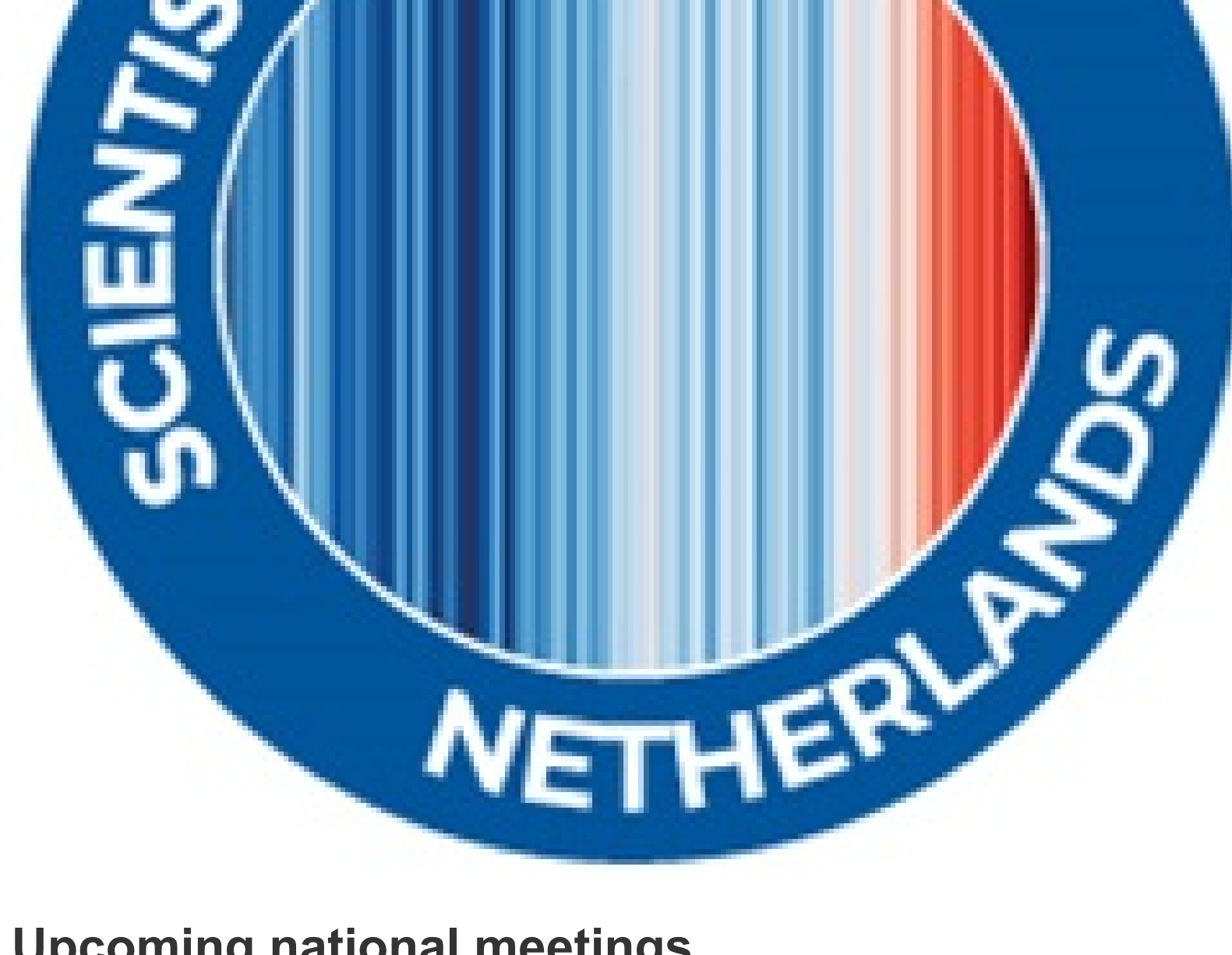
Dear {{voornaam}},

This is the Scientists4Future NL newsletter of September 2023. To subscribe, click [here](#). To unsubscribe, use the link at the bottom of this email.



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- News on upcoming actions and past events - the A12 climate march, last weekend's support demonstration, the education climate strike and more!
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Upcoming national meetings

2 October: we meet on Zoom for our monthly national meeting. Join us [in Zoom at 20:00](#):

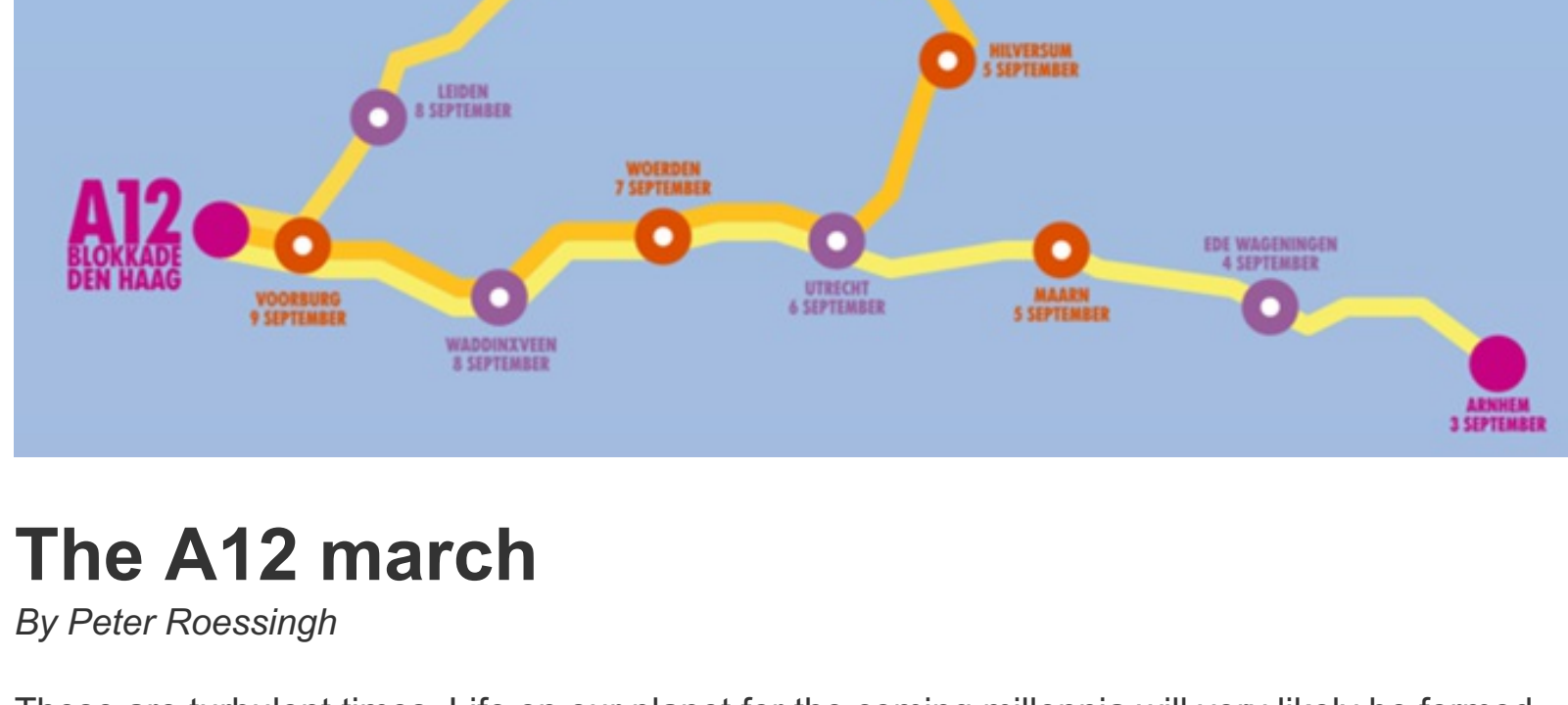
4 November: another in-person national meeting! Note this in your calendar and find more details in our next newsletter!

Do 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 contact@scientists4future.nl, 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* or *transparency fossil ties*.
- Join one of the local groups, some are more active than others, but you can start a new one as well!



The A12 march

By Peter Roessingh

These are turbulent times. Life on our planet for the coming millennia will very likely be formed by what happens the coming ten years. There's a lot at stake, the activists from Extinction Rebellion at the A12 demonstrations are even breaking the law for it!

Others choose less drastic ways to contribute and communicate their worries and call for action. XR organised the [A12 march](#), in which hundreds of people from all over the country participated and marched on The Hague. I participated in the 24 km stretch [from Ede to Maarn](#) and carried the flag with the second "s" from "Stop fossiele subsidies" (EN: Stop fossil subsidies). I remember the many inspiring conversations I've had, and found hope in the determination and enthusiasm among my march companions. Maybe I'll see you at the next climate march, [on 12 November in Amsterdam](#)?



Photo by Scientist Rebellion Netherlands.

Report from the support demo

By Arjen Markus

The reasons for demonstrating are usually not pleasant ones. And the regular demonstrations at the A12 and around that motorway are no exception. The people present there all feel the urge to shout out to the politicians that we need action now to mitigate the problems the climate crisis that we have brought on ourselves, is causing. The fossil subsidies are but an exponent.

Preparations for these demonstrations, and for the weekend of 9 and 10 September there were not only the blockades but also the side demonstration in the park, cost time and energy. That so many people are willing to spend that time and that energy is in itself a sign that we want to be taken seriously.

Not all of us are willing/able to get arrested and luckily there is enough to do besides blocking the motorway. Especially this weekend: the stage where professors and other representatives made their statements, where musicians entertained the public with songs of dedication and commitment but also the stands where various groups informed the visitors about the real problems.

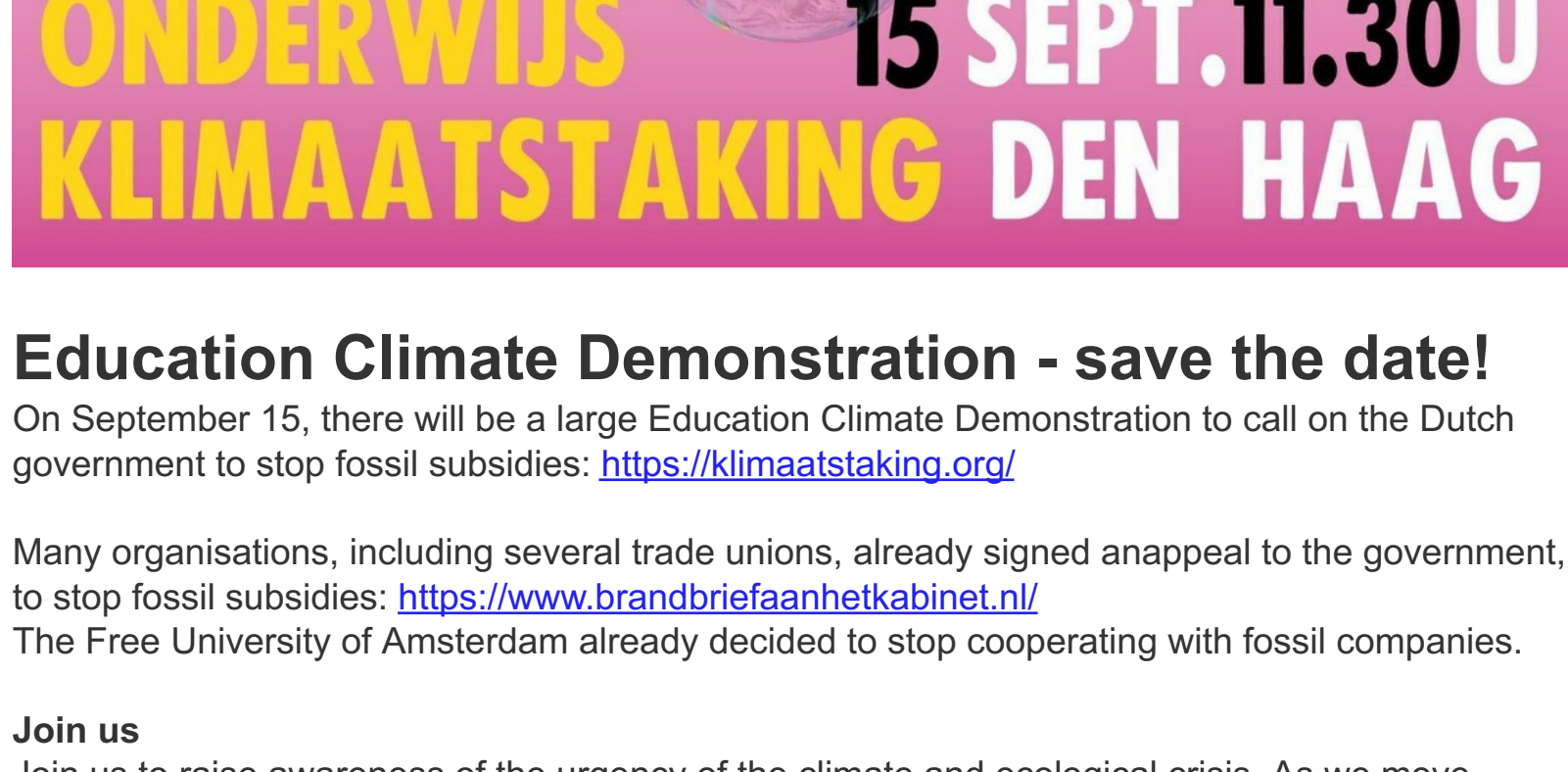
As scientists concerned about the climate and the reluctance of the politicians to take the measures that are so dearly needed, we were present and very recognisable with our lab coats. It was a good opportunity not only to hand out flyers but also to talk about the consequences of continuing in the current way and to talk about the many possibilities we still have to turn the tide!

The weather was unusually hot, around 30 degrees, and sunny, which may have helped to encourage people to come, but our stands were in the shadow of a line of trees and I for one was glad of that shadow. The dozens, perhaps even hundreds of people who came to the stand, were eager to find out more about our involvement. It was also an opportunity to announce [the Education Climate Demonstration](#) - the gathering of members of universities, schools and other educational institutes to show their engagement and their demand for attention to the climate problem in class rooms and lecture halls.

Perhaps there is evidence that we are being taken seriously, as we got a visit from Rob Jetten, our Minister of Climate and Energy. But before we get all euphoric about that, one of my companions noted this phrase carried by a young girl:

"This is the coolest day of the rest of my life"

And I for one sincerely hope that it will not be true.



ONDERWIJS KLIMAATSTAKING DEN HAAG 15 SEPT. 11.30U

Education Climate Demonstration - save the date!

On September 15, there will be a large Education Climate Demonstration to call on the Dutch government to stop fossil subsidies: <https://klimaatstaking.org/>

Many organisations, including several trade unions, already signed an appeal to the government, to stop fossil subsidies: <https://www.brandbriefaanhetskabinet.nl/>

The Free University of Amsterdam already decided to stop cooperating with fossil companies.

Join us

Join us to raise awareness of the urgency of the climate and ecological crisis. As we move closer to what could well become a historic marathon of climate protests, we ask as many colleagues as possible to support and participate in the following actions. The voices of scientists, academics and especially professors often have extra impact for a large audience. This was beautifully demonstrated when two Spinoza Prize laureates joined the last demonstration and delivered a memorable speech that reached people who had previously been aloof. Moreover, the activist community felt thoroughly supported and empowered.

Programme 15 September:

11:00 Campus The Hague University Leiden

11:30: IPCC Cortège of professors in togas, scientist rebellion in lab coats and academics to Malieveld

12:00: Malieveld Public Lecture by Prof. Erik van Sebille

12:30: IPCC reading marathon on Malieveld

To sign up or request more information contact: scientistrebillion_nl@protonmail.com



Book and podcast tips

The tipping point podcast

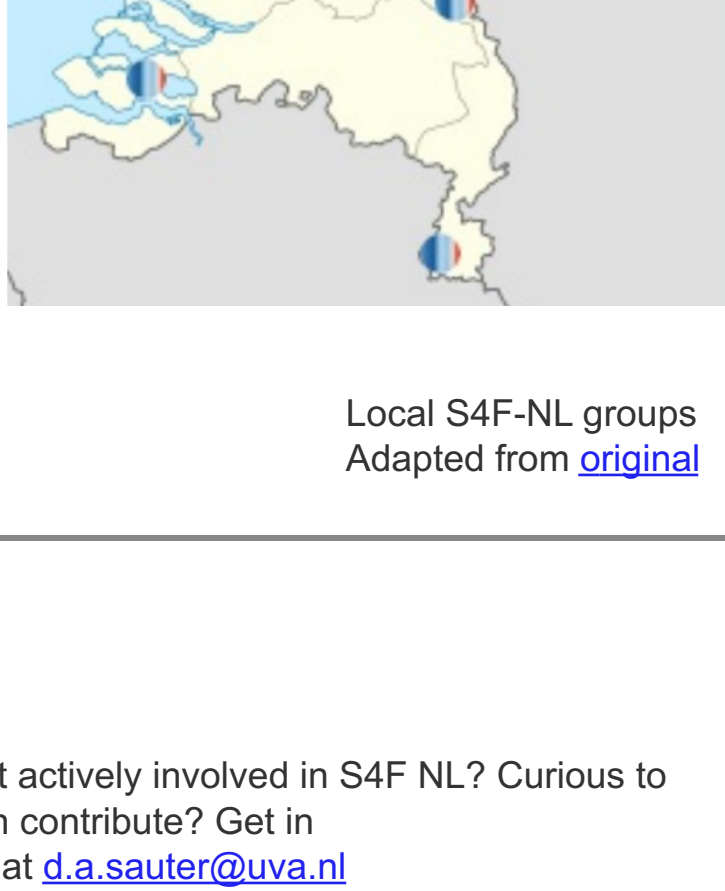
A short 3-series podcast about the people, science and politics behind the Club of Rome. Accessible and thorough in less than 2 hours of listening! Produced by Katy Shields and Vegard Beyer. <https://tippingpoint-podcast.com/>

Not Too Late: Changing the Climate Story from Despair to Possibility

An optimistic book, or as S4F's Anne Urai said: "Stories of hope (not optimism), determination and inspiration from across the climate and activism landscape. Wonderful and nurturing." Edited by Rebecca Solnit and Thelma Young Lutunatabua.

Local groups

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

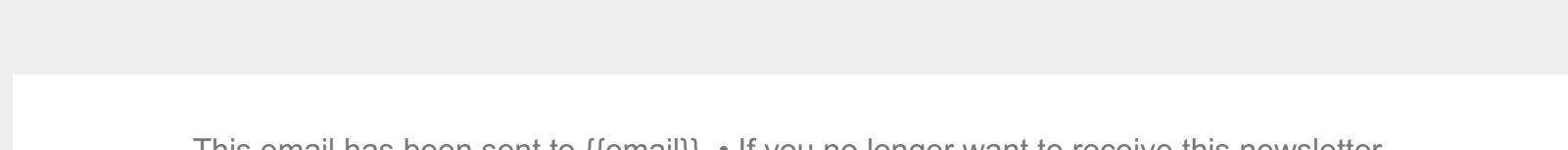


Local S4F-NL groups
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