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## The Future of Scientists4Future NL

Winter is coming, and Scientists4Future NL (S4FNL) is increasingly involved in local and national initiatives around the climate debate, and realizing its own initiatives. The organization keeps growing and since the last newsletter we have welcomed new scientists that felt the need to get involved.

In the last newsletter (October) we introduced the plan to initiate decentralized local groups alongside the existing national group. Within these local groups we want to organize and support activities at the university, city and regional level. This provides a platform for involvement at the university policy level, with the possibility to organize debates and workshops for example. Where possible, we will try to work together with local action groups such as Fridays For Future and Teachers For Climate.

In this newsletter we will focus on the first official local group that branched off from the national group, **S4FNL Nijmegen**, to give an example of possible local activities. S4FNL Nijmegen was also largely responsible for this newsletter. If you are interested in starting or joining a local group, or in contributing to the national-level group, please <u>contact us</u>.

Besides freshly formed local groups, we also started themed projects with the existing national group. We are for example setting up a Q&A (Question & Answer) initiative, accompanied by a list of scienific facts about climate change, in order to inform non-specialists, including the schoolchildren of Fridays For Future, about climate change and its impacts.

In view of the upcoming climate strike on November 29<sup>th</sup>, <u>signing</u> of the consensus statement remains open until further notice. Please share the statement with your colleagues if you haven't already. Furthermore, we welcome **institutes and organizations** to sign (institutional instructions are <u>found here</u>).



# **International Climate Action Day of November 29th**

Two months after the previous climate action week of 20-27<sup>th</sup> of September, there will be a new international <u>Climate Action</u>

Day (Klimaatactie) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, including activities in various cities across the Netherlands, including Amsterdam, Utrecht, Den Haag, Nijmegen, Leiden, and Groningen (map of all cities and activities). We understand that not everyone that signed the consensus statement feels comfortable with participating. However, we do think it is important to support these local initiatives that strive for more political measures against climate change. Scientists from S4FNL will be teaming up in Utrecht and Nijmegen to attend the activities planned there. Please see the Upcoming Events section below for more information.



## **Organizational Update on S4FNL Nijmegen**

Cities like Nijmegen, with a considerable international university population, are increasingly involved in the climate debate. The importance of this debate cannot be denied, and therefore we would like to support and provide information about the cause of the strike during the activities that will take place in Nijmegen, as well as in other Dutch cities. The Nijmegen initiative, inspired by Fridays For Future, is organized by <u>Klimaat Actie Nijmegen</u> and starts from the <u>Stationsplein</u> at 14:00.

S4FNL Nijmegen seeks to confront global difficulties by getting involved with local initiatives. In collaboration with the <u>Radboud Green Office</u>, S4FNL Nijmegen will offer scientific contributions to the *Green Week* (July 2020) in which sustainability challenges take centre stage, both on and off campus. Furthermore, S4FNL Nijmegen will take part in the *Warming Festival* (June 2020), where scientists and artists experiment with ways of responding to our climatic predicament. S4FNL Nijmegen has also teamed up with the Radboud Centre for Sustainability Challenges and will introduce, discuss, and seek to align respective missions in January 2020. More details on all these initiatives will be announced in due time.

Are you **inspired** by **S4FNL Nijmegen** and **interested** in contributing to S4FNL, on a national or local level? Now is the time to <u>get in touch</u>.

# **Upcoming events**

- 27 Nov S4FNL national group meeting online, 19:00-21:00, contact us for details.
- 29 Nov National Climate Action Day inspired by <u>Fridays4Future</u>, there are strikes and events organized in various cities in the Netherlands, including <u>Amsterdam</u>, <u>Utrecht</u>, Den Haag, <u>Nijmegen</u>, <u>Leiden</u>, and <u>Groningen</u>!
- **4 Dec S4FNL national group meeting** Utrecht, 19:00 - 21:00, contact us for the exact location
- **11 Dec S4FNL national group meeting** online, 19:00-21:00, contact us for details.
- 14 & 15 Dec Protestival at Schiphol Airport organized by <u>Greenpeace NL</u>

Eveyone is welcome! When joining one of the group meetings please <u>drop us a line</u> or phone Leo: 06 1285 9188



## **Call-out section**

Scientists4Future NL offers a **network of motivated and involved individuals** that are willing to shape our future. While you initially may have heard of S4FNL in the context of climate change, we also offer expertise in many other fields. Our members are dedicated to developing a sustainable future.

If you are looking for **expert speakers** and discussion leaders on topics including climate change, sustainable nature and the built-environment, natural ecosystems and cycles, sustainable product development, scientific practice in general, we could possibly be a mediator. Similarly, if you're involved in **policy-making** and would like to shape your ideas according to scientific standards, we are happy to help.



May we all have a great winter time! If you want to initiate or get involved in a local group at your university or research institute, or want to contribute to the national group, please <u>contact us</u>.

Finally, don't forget to follow us on Facebook or Twitter where we will be sharing national and international news regarding the role of scientists in times of climate crisis.

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