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Editorial

It's never too late for well-wishes, so we want to use this newsletter to wish you a **Happy New Year and all the best for 2025!**

We hope that you've been able to rest, recover and enjoy some time off the past weeks and, just like us, are back for a new year full of climate action and engagement.

The coming weeks certainly look the part: scroll down to read about upcoming meetings, our seminars and don't forget about **tomorrow's A12 demonstration on the ban of fossil subsidies!** Find information on the support demonstration [here](#) and join Scientist Rebellion's Signal group via [this link](#).

We also want to use this space to share one large change that has taken effect after the national meeting of 10 December: next to expanding to [LinkedIn](#) in 2024, we have also started using [BlueSky](#) and abandoned our Twitter/X account. Join us there!

Upcoming national meetings 2025

The **first national meeting of 2025 will take place on Wednesday 15 January, 20:00** on Zoom.

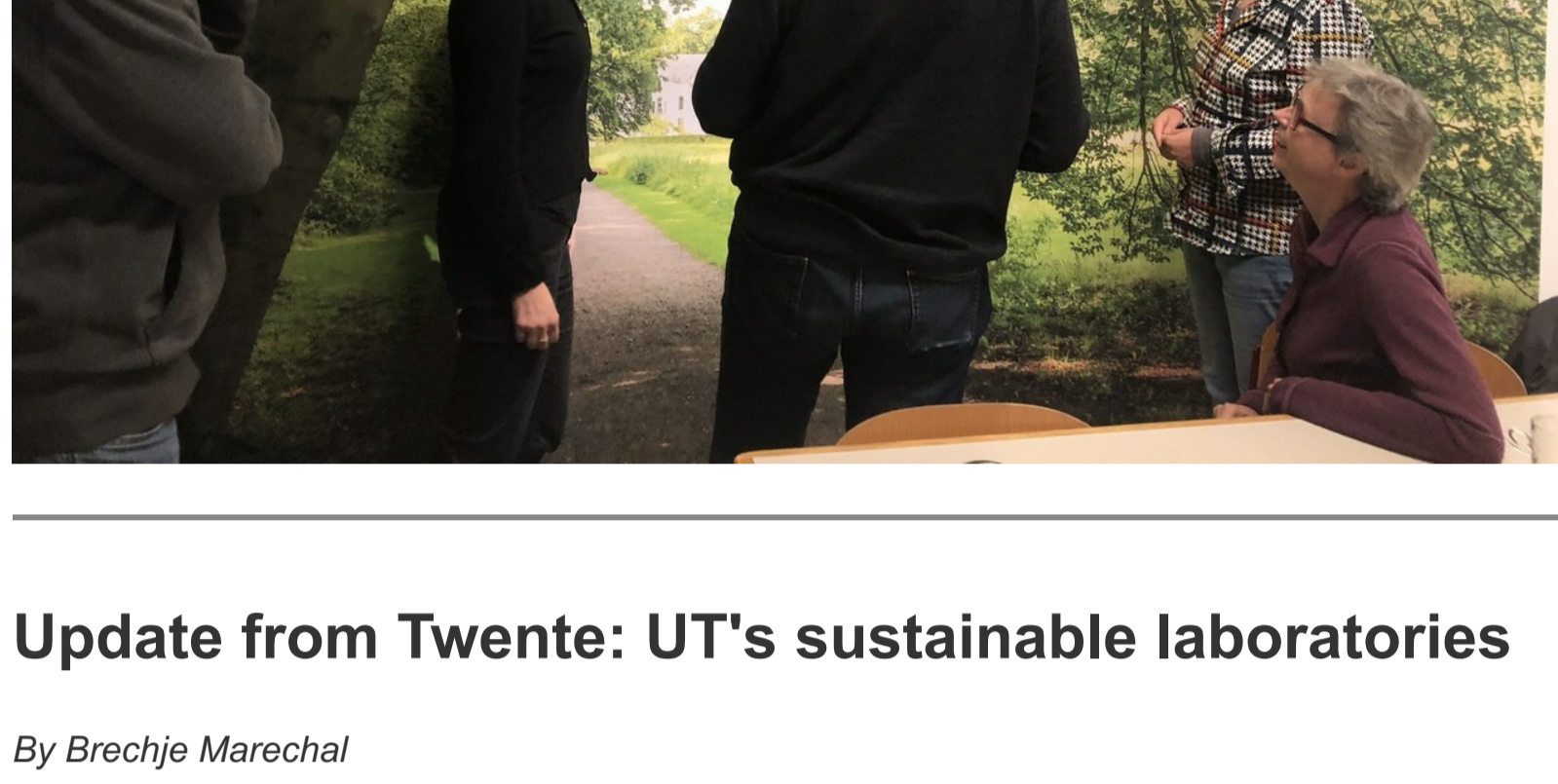
On the agenda: possibilities for collaboration with Scientist Rebellion NL and planned actions for 2025 (e.g. university finances and the academic publishing system)! As always there's space for everyone's input, so make sure to join and bring your topics to the table!

Rest of spring semester 2025:

Not only is it soon time for our next national meeting, but the dates for the rest of the half year are set too! Join us on the following dates:

Thursday 13 February
Friday 14 March
Monday 14 April
Sunday 18 May (in-person in Utrecht, 13:00)
Tuesday 17 June

Meetings are on Zoom and at 20:00 unless communicated differently. You can find the link to the meeting on Slack or [e-mail us](#) to receive it.



Update from Twente: UT's sustainable laboratories

By Brechje Marechal

UT works on sustainable laboratories: first LEAF-accreditations awarded

The University of Twente has state-of-the-art laboratories, where scientists and students work on ground-breaking research, test innovative solutions to societal problems or try out prototypes of new products. Unfortunately, laboratories have an exceptionally high impact on the environment and climate. This is because of their high energy demand and large amount of poorly recyclable and potentially hazardous waste output. Therefore, we started working with LEAF, which stands for Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework, to minimize the impact of our labs as much as possible.

We are proud to announce that the SLT-Biolab in Carré and NBP Microscopy lab in Zuidhorst are [the first laboratories at UT to achieve the LEAF Bronze accreditation!](#) The idea behind LEAF is that laboratories work towards achieving Bronze, Silver, and ultimately Gold accreditation through a series of challenges. These accreditations come with increasing levels of difficulty but also result in significant savings in costs and reductions in the CO₂ footprint of the lab. Raising awareness and building a collaborative community are crucial elements in this effort.

♻️ The LEAF initiative is part of a broader plan at the University of Twente, aimed at making all laboratories more sustainable by reducing energy use, water use and amount of waste we produce. Would you like to learn more? Read on [here!](#)

Republished seminar: Broeikasgassen en Klimaat

By Sietse Kiewiet

Some time ago, climate researcher Peter Kuipers Munneke gave a webinar in the series "Kennismaken met Klimaatkunde" on greenhouse gases and climate (in Dutch). Unfortunately, due to some technical issues, the video was not visible online anymore. These issues have now been resolved, and the video can be watched on YouTube!

In the webinar, Peter will explain everything about greenhouse gases, the greenhouse effect, and the human emissions of these gases. What exactly are greenhouse gases, and how do they work? How do we know with certainty that the current warming is not natural? What causes the natural emission and absorption of greenhouse gases? [Watch the seminar here!](#)

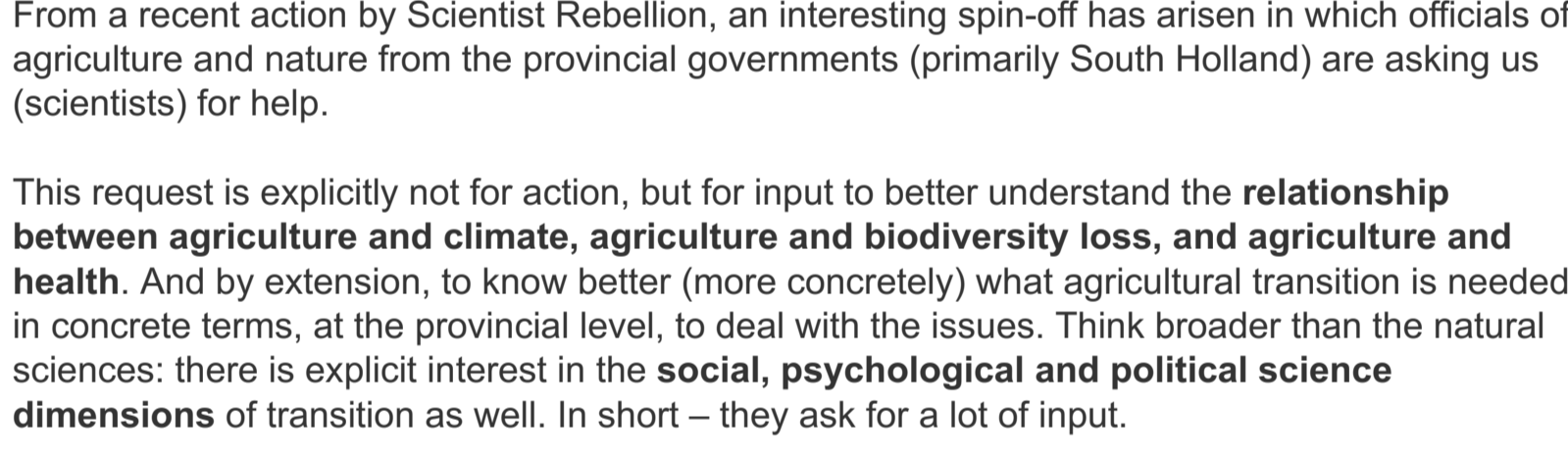
Call: share your green New Year's resolution!

By Jacqueline Hoppenreijts

New Year's resolutions aren't quite the rage as they once were, or at least people don't seem to talk about them as much. But what's better than inspiring each other? Let's make 2025 a more sustainable year, together!

We're inviting you to share your **Green Resolutions**, big or small, that contribute to a more eco-friendly academic community. Whether it's reducing travel, hosting vegan conferences, or integrating sustainability into your research: every action counts!

Submit your resolution via [e-mail](#), and we'll share one inspiring resolution in each newsletter throughout the year.



Call: join SR for a dialogue about sustainable agriculture with provincial governments

From Scientist Rebellion

From a recent action by Scientist Rebellion, an interesting spin-off has arisen in which officials of agriculture and nature from the provincial governments (primarily South Holland) are asking us (scientists) for help.

This request is explicitly not for action, but for input to better understand the **relationship between agriculture and climate, agriculture and biodiversity loss, and agriculture and health**. And by extension, to know better (more concretely) what agricultural transition is needed in concrete terms, at the provincial level, to deal with the issues. Think broader than the natural sciences: there is explicit interest in the **social, psychological and political science dimensions** of transition as well. In short – they ask for a lot of input.

We from SR think such a conversation could potentially be very interesting. Political decision-making is heavily based on emotions and facts and arguments tend to be used strategically (according to the civil servants we talked with). When civil servants and politicians who support the transition have more information, their message can have more impact.

SR was explicitly asked to engage in conversation. We think this question is certainly as appropriate for the S4F group. We do not have enough people within our own group with the right expertise and capacity who can carry this forward right now. So our question is whether there are people at S4F who are interested and would like to come along for an initial, exploratory meeting (date to be determined). Ideally someone with a climate or ecological background, and someone with a social background. After that, based on the conversation, we'll see where we go from there.

Please contact us at contact@scientists4future.nl if you're interested in helping!

Announcement: workshop series Beyond Cutting the Ties

By Ignas Heitkönig, on behalf of the organizers

Mon 20 Jan 18:30-20:30 **"Beyond Cutting the Ties"** Lumen 1+2 (after supper; no sign-up required)

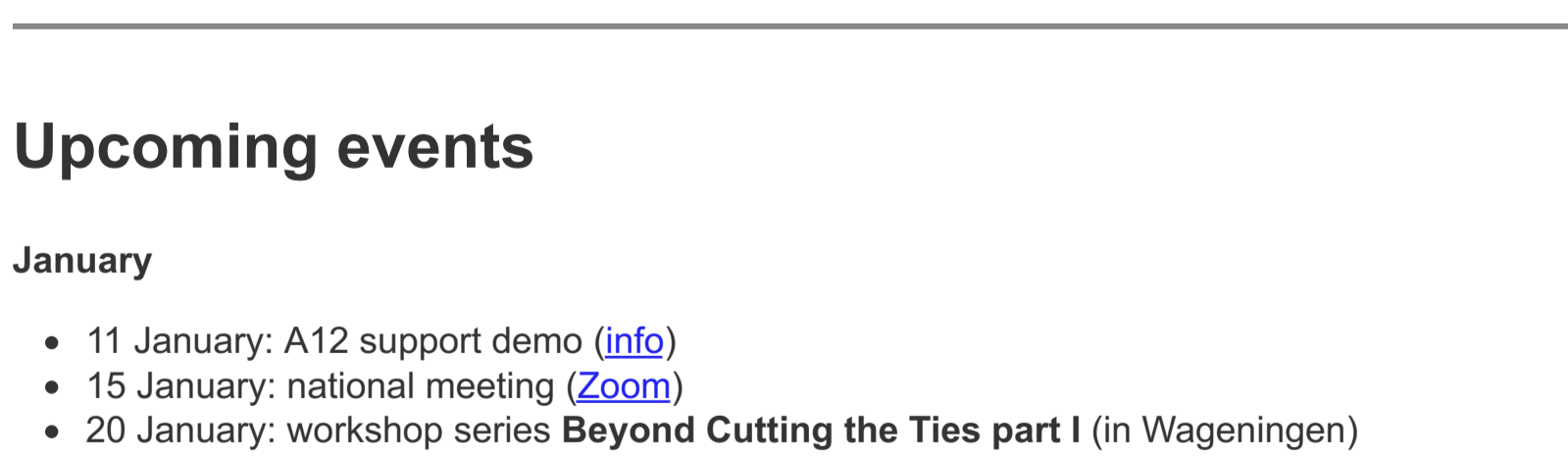
S4F Wageningen will hold a series of three **"Beyond Cutting the Ties"** intersectional workshops on this very issue, in direct collaboration with the Wageningen 4 Palestine / Wageningen Student Encampment and the Activist Academy, on Mon 20 Jan, 17 Feb and 17 March, 18:30-21:30. Over the course of three events, we'll discuss and critique WUR's current collaboration principles and reimagine them for the better.

January 20th: Critique of the current system: Principles of collaboration.
What is this workshop about? This workshop will focus on how WUR currently identifies, how decisions are made with whom we collaborate with as a university, and in particular, identifying key issues with the current system.
What will we be doing in the workshop? The workshop will consist of short keynotes to set the scene, focusing on fossil fuel ties (*Speaker: Aaron Pereira, Solid Sustainability Research*), colonialism and genocide (*Speaker: Jennifer Veilleux, CGG, WUR*), and WUR's principles of collaboration (*Matijn de Visser, Wageningen 4 Palestine/Wageningen student encampment*), before moving into interactive breakout groups. In these breakout groups, you'll be guided by a facilitator to brainstorm about and formalize WUR's current collaboration system. We will then come together to harvest our learnings and discuss how to move forward collectively. Throughout the workshop, there will also be opportunities for connection, as well as for learning about some of the different movements involved at WUR. We will use the insights gained in this workshop as a framework for the next event, where we reimagine the collaboration system.

Please try to bring your own cup/mug to the workshop for drinks. There will be some vegan snacks but no supper.

Next workshops:
February 17th: Reimagining the university: An ethical and responsible collaboration framework.

March 17th: The road to change: How will we get where we want to be?



Reading, watching and listening tips

The Vrije Universiteit has its own climate podcast, fittingly named the **Climate Breakdown Podcast**. In it, VU scientists break down the climate crisis and related problems. Read about it on [their website](#) and find them on your preferred podcast platform!

Do you want to share something you read, saw or listened to with other newsletter readers? Send us an e-mail at contact@scientists4future.nl!

Upcoming events

January

- 11 January: A12 support demo ([info](#))
- 15 January: national meeting ([Zoom](#))
- 20 January: workshop series **Beyond Cutting the Ties part I** (in Wageningen)

February

- 13 February: national meeting ([Zoom](#))
- 17 February: workshop series **Beyond Cutting the Ties part II** (in Wageningen)
- 28 February: early-bird deadline for the [climate marathon](#) and [climate classic](#) (both on 20 June)

March

- 14 March: national meeting ([Zoom](#))
- 17 March: workshop series **Beyond Cutting the Ties part III** (in Wageningen)

April

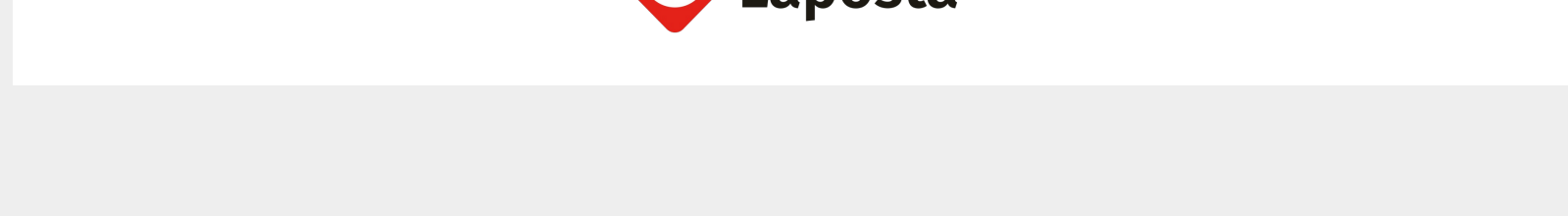
- 14 April: national meeting ([Zoom](#))

May

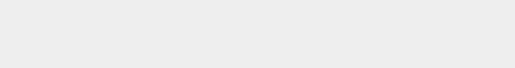
- 18 May: national meeting (in-person in Utrecht, 13:00)

June

- 17 June: national meeting ([Zoom](#))
- 20 June: [climate marathon](#) and [climate classic](#)



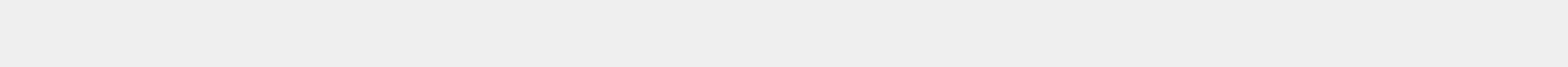
Get involved!



Are you a subscriber to this newsletter who is not yet actively involved in S4F NL? Curious to find out more about what S4F does and how you can contribute? Chances are that there's an active S4F chapter where you are based!

Read about the places and ways in which S4F works for a better climate on [our website](#) and get in touch via contact@scientists4future.nl!

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