Dear [nonmember],

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

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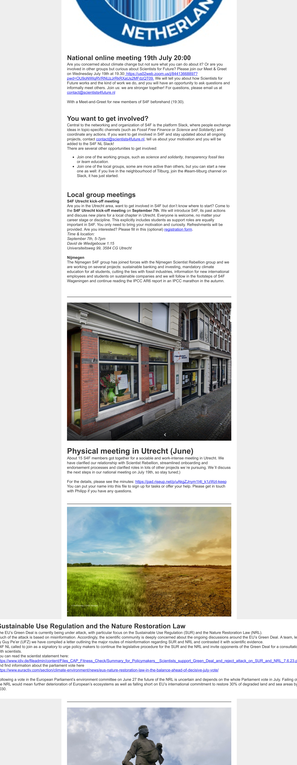


National online meeting 19th July 20:00

Are you concerned about climate change but not sure what you can do about it? Or are you looking for ideas for your local climate action group? Join us for our next online meeting on Wednesday, July 19th at 19:30: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213999857?pwd=OXJ6dWNNdFRNcUs4RWZqaUs5NFJqQT09. We will tell you about how Scientists for Future NL is organized, what we do, what we have achieved so far, what we want to do in the future and informally meet others. Join us, we are stronger together! If in question, please email us at contact@scientistsforfuture.nl

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

You want to get involved?

Come to the meeting on Wednesday 19 July! SAF is the platform Stack, 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 SAF and stay updated about all ongoing actions, please fill in this form: forms.gle/wbbbbSqAzAwJ4ZJ6A, tell us about your motivation and we will add you to the SAF Stack!

There are several other opportunities to get involved:

- Join one of the working groups, such as science and solidarity, transparency fossil ties or learn education
- Join one of the local groups, some are more active than others, but you can start a new one as well! Either in the neighbourhood of Tilburg, join the Rheen-Utrecht chemical on Stack, it has just started.

Local group meetings

SAF Utrecht kick-off meeting

Are you in the Utrecht area, want to get involved in SAF but don't know where to start? Come to the kick-off meeting of the Utrecht local group! We will discuss what we want to do in the future and discuss new plans for a local chapter in Utrecht. Everyone is welcome, no matter your experience or skill-set. This explicitly includes students or young people who want to get involved but don't know how to bring your motivation and curiosity. Refreshments will be provided. Are you a student? Please fill in this (optional) registration form.
Time & location
Saturday 15th, 13-17pm
Dwarsgracht 1-13,
Universiteitsingel 30, 2584 CG Utrecht

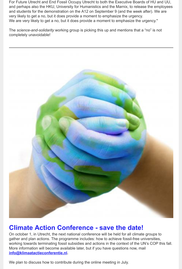
Nijmegen

The Nijmegen SAF group has joined forces with the Nijmegen Scientist Rebellion group and we are now a combined group focusing on climate and ecological emergency, including education for all students, cutting the ties with fossil solutions, information for new international employees and students on sustainable companies and we will follow in the footsteps of SAF Wageningen and continue leading the PICC.WMS report in an IPCC manifest in the autumn.

Physical meeting in Utrecht (June)

About 15 SAF members got together for a sociable and work-intense meeting in Utrecht. We discussed our ongoing actions, our future plans, transparency, our onboarding and welcoming process and parked ideas a 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: https://docs.google.com/docs/d/1ZmmVK_U1RbE4eqw. 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

Our Green Deal is currently being under attack, particularly 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 Prof. Dr. Ingo Kowarik, has written a scientific statement to clarify the facts and underpin the importance of the Green Deal. Meanwhile, the SAF NL called for 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.
Please read and sign the scientist statement here:
https://www.nbb.de/Nearbyconsumer/Pitch_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.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20230614IPR96201/parliament-backs-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. Falling 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

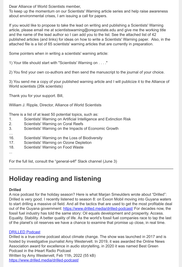
Some members of S4F Wageningen wrote this letter in support of student activists.
https://www.wageningenworld.com/wageningen-climate-pts/2023/01/letter-to-the-editor-wageningen-chemish-year-activists/?lang=en

More on Peat

By Philipp Greenish
Peat in the Netherlands: SAF mentioned in the bio of this greenity article. It was wonderful working with the author, Ed Wilson, and I'm happy to share the link to the article with you all. The article (attached) is behind a strict paywall, so please inform me if you want to do anything with it.
Bijlage 4 interview Turfeld.nl.PDF

Several consumer portfolios and new investments have been made by Hot Financiered Digital about peat: https://ir.nasdaq.com/news-releases/news-release-details/hot-digital-announces-strategic-investment-and-name-change

A new interview with Karin for RTLnieuws, which resulted in a very crispy article: https://www.rtlnieuws.nl/nieuwsvideo/videoitem/6158625/zoeken/turf+veen/ea+wageningen+klimaat+klagen+landgebruik



Initiated by 350.org a letter with more than 25,000 signatures was handed over to the Dutch parliament calling to an end of fossil finance. Fossil Free Finance is a campaign led by students for a fast transition. SAF NL supports this demand.

https://act.350.org/signup/Organizations-branding#/salsa/87.jsp?c=250684.21174015.0VkDNbc3Y3kr1J8uim_medium=email

Fossil Free Finance

SAF engages around university investments, calling upon universities to divest from fossil companies. Universities have enormous investment portfolios, comparable to national defence 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 Fabio 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 Unions: Scientist Rebellion Utrecht, Scientist Fox Future Utrecht and End Fossil Occupy Utrecht to both the Executive Boards of VU and UU, demanding that the Executive Boards write a letter to the Dutch Minister of Finance, Sigrid Kaag and students for the demonstration on the 4-12 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- 4 (tbcd), the last national conference will be held for all climate groups to gather and plan actions. The programme includes: how to achieve fossil-free universities, how to organize climate-proof elections, how to organize a climate-proof city council, the GDP this fall. More information will become available later, but if you have questions now, mail info@climateactionconference.nl

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

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