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Editorial

Dear reader,

We have another newsletter full of updates on past and upcoming activities for you! We are also getting ready for the May national meeting: will we see you on the **26th**, 8 PM? Send us [an e-mail](#) for the Zoom link!

Best wishes,
S4F coordination group

PS did you see that Show Your Stripes Day is coming up? Check out [the website](#) to see how you can participate as an individual or as a group on 20 June. [Let us know](#) about events you are planning, we are happy to spread the word!

News: S4F submits "zienswijze" North Sea drilling

By Marjan

Dutch oil and gas company ONE Dya has [submitted a permit request for new gas drilling](#) in the North Sea, specifically the area of the unique natural reef Borkum Stones in sector N04, north of Schiermonnikoog. On the German side of the border, this is a Natura2000 area. In The Netherlands, the process to make it a Natura2000 area is restarting thanks to [a recent court ruling](#).

Scientists for Future have spoken out against new gas drilling in the North Sea since 2022 (see [press release](#)). For this new permit request, the proposed criteria for the environmental impact assessment were open for public consultation. In these criteria, the impact on climate change was absent and several potential environmental effects, such as the cumulative effects of the pollution caused by the new gas drilling on top of the already poor state of the North Sea, were missing. We therefore submitted a "zienswijze" (a statement of our views) to ask inclusion of these criteria. The "zienswijze" will be published on [our website](#) shortly, and will be shared in the next newsletter.

conclusions:

- participants valued the safe space for sharing their emotions and the time to reflect on moving forward.
- incorporating the Active Hope programme into university education would be valuable to help our students' resilience and agency in the face of an uncertain future

[Contact us](#) if you are interested in organising a similar activity in your institute!



News: S4F supports Advocates for the Future's climate case

By Marjan

NGO [Advocates for the Future](#) launched their climate case against the Port of Rotterdam on Tuesday 12 May. For 2 years, the NGO has been asking the Port, which is 30% state owned and 70% owned by the Municipality of Rotterdam, for transition plans to **reduce dependency on fossil fuels**. The Port has committed to the Paris Agreement, but its emissions have not meaningfully reduced in the last 15 years. Therefore, Advocates for the Future have now started their [Climate Case for the Future](#), demanding a transition plan that is in line with the Paris Agreement: to become energy neutral in 2050, which will also make the Port future proof by becoming less dependent on fossil fuels.

Scientists for Future NL is one of the supporting organisations in this case.

Invitation: Climate walk at the Kröller-Müller Museum

By Marjan

On 14 May, the Kröller-Müller Museum (Hoge Veluwe National Park near Otterlo) and our colleagues from [Scientist Rebellion](#) launched the collaborative project Art and Climate Walk '[With Fresh Eyes](#)' in the sculpture garden of the museum.

Visitors are invited to reflect during a walk past nine sculptures on the role of art, science and humanity in times of climate change. The sculpture garden lends itself well for this as the effects of climate change, such as drought, are very visible. The walk consists of a booklet aiming to inform and stimulate reflection on what these changes mean for our society, and also on what kind of society we want to be. At the launch, scientists from SR were present to talk with visitors about the sculptures and the relationship with their work, their worries and the link with climate change.

The walk is freely available to all visitors to the museum.





Reading and listening tips

Paper of the month: hope is important to maintain, see for example the report from the active hope activity in Nijmegen earlier in this newsletter. However, can it also be harmful in some cases? Environmental communication experts argue in journal *Futures* that that is the case: their paper **Constructive disagreement and harmful hope in environmental communication for sustainability transition** describes a case where hope smothers disagreement about environmental issues. Their context is the circular economy, but it may be interesting to consider whether the concept of harmful hope is applicable in more contexts! Read the paper at [this link](#).

Podcast tip from Jacqueline: AMOC has been making headlines in recent months, and in podcast *Outrage + Optimism*, the hosts discuss it's scientific as well as human aspects with expert Dr. Willem Huiskamp. It is interesting to hear how he deals with the uncertainty that models bring on a personal and a professional level. The discussion can be listened to through [the O+O website](#) or your usual podcast platform. While you're there, maybe give [David Attenborough's birthday podcast](#) a listen?

Do you have a reading, listening or watching tip for other S4F newsletter readers? [Let us know!](#)



Upcoming events

May

- 26 May, 20:00: national meeting (online, [e-mail us for the Zoom-link](#))

June

- 19 June: climate marathon (for runners, in Driebergen-Zeist, [link to website](#))
- 19 June: climate classic (for cyclists, [link to website](#))
- 20 June: [Show Your Stripes day](#)
- 22 June, 20:00: national meeting (online, [e-mail us for the Zoom-link](#))

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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