

FFF ONLINE SETS ANTI-FOSSIL FUELS ACTION DAY PROGRAM



Collage courtesy of Fridays For Future Online

These images of creative anti-fossil fuels activism in Australia represent similar climate protests from around the world.

Fridays For Future Online has planned and prepared an online, extensive, free teach-in called the “Protect Our Future From Fossil Fuels Global Day of Action”. Hosted from Australia, the event is set for Saturday 26 June. Readers are encouraged to submit short informative videos of three to five minutes about anti-fossil fuels activism in their country for possible use in the program.

“We hope to offer an engaging and energizing mix of activism stories and news updates online, from around the world, and if this is successful, we may well try to continue this on the last Saturday of each month, at least till UN COP 26 this November in Glasgow, Scotland, UK, coinciding with the monthly pandemic-era ShoeStrikes,” said FFF Online leader Sonya McKay, of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. McKay is completing a master’s degree in environmental law, and taking pilot lessons in the hopes of flying Scotland’s first small electric airplanes.

During the day, starting at about 2300 GMT on Friday, livestreamed and recorded video segments will be available via ZOOM and Facebook Live,. Those interested in watching can register via either the Action Network ([protectourfuturefromfossilfuels - Action Network](https://www.facebook.com/Protect-Our-Future-From-Fossil-Fuels-105429654747874)) or Facebook

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For the evening one-hour virtual online rally, at 1830 AEST/0830 GMT Friday, the highlights scheduled so far will come from Australia, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Uganda, USA, UK, and Sweden. Guidelines for the new Global Climate Creative Challenge will be announced and explained, with categories for Music, Dance, Videos, Art (Illustrations and posters), and Writing (poetry and composition). Modest-sum awards will be given to the eventual winners. Expected featured speakers for the rally include:

- Prof. Stefan Sommer of Northern Arizona University and Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance has produced four nature documentaries aired on US public television and serves on the board of the Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance. He will talk about efforts by climate activists to de-addict Arizona from dirty, dangerous, and deadly fossil fuels, and rapidly transition that southwestern US state to clean energy sources, especially solar and wind despite backlash from the right-wing. Sommer, a biological sciences professor who led efforts that persuaded Flagstaff's *Arizona Daily Sun* newspaper to start running his monthly "Spotlight on Climate" column in April 2021, has coordinated monthly climate strikes in Flagstaff since July 2020, with as many as 750 pairs of shoes, eventually with banners, props, and street theater.
- Aruba Faruque, is a 14-year-old climate and environmental champion, "science nerd," and ethical vegan already emerging as "the Greta Thunberg of Bangladesh". Bangladesh is one of the most severely at-risk, climate-threatened mainland countries, with a population of 170 million. Aruba will discuss her petition to the Honorable Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. That petition, which non-Bangladeshis are also most welcome to sign, urges concrete actions be taken to implement the Bangladeshi Parliament's November 2019 planetary emergency declaration, and to instill regular climate education lessons at all levels in Bangladeshi public schools.
- Jonathan Olwenyi, who founded the environmental nonprofit African Youth Women Emancipated Children and Unity Alliance (AYOWECCA) UGANDA, and belongs to FFF Tororo in Uganda, will explain his program to plant young fruit trees on small plots of land at schools in that East African country. As of late May 2021, after the initial weeks of plantings, supervised youngsters at 16 schools had already planted some 100 trees each, and the goal is for 64 schools to be reached by September 2021. Mangos, oranges, avocados, and jackfruit are among the tree species being planted, and students at the schools will be able to literally enjoy eating the fruits of their labor in about 18 months or so, plus take advantage of some welcome shade from the sun, said Olywenyi, who recently earned his master's degree from Uganda's Makerere University.

--Alfred, Marta, Ann, Ayesha, Rolf, others of the Calendar Writing Team.

#PROTECTOURFUTUREFROMFOSSILFUELS GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION SATURDAY,
26 June 2021:

The community joined nearly 100 community groups to [#ProtectOurFutureNotGas](#) in November 2020 in response to the Narrabri conditional approval for 850 gas wells in the Pilliga

Forest, along with the Australian governments COVID gas led recovery plans. Australia is not alone in pursuing fossil fuels when globally we need to decarbonise. Now join together for the... GLOBAL CLIMATE CREATIVE CHALLENGE!

Join our Global Climate Creative Challenge. We're looking for the most creative and inspiring entries. We'll choose 3 submissions in each category for an award. The most creative and inspiring entries will form part of our promotional efforts towards the Global Day of Action. More information will be provided at a later date. Upload entries to the #ProtectOurFutureFromFossilFuels Facebook page. Include your name and the category you chose.

Categories include Music, Dance, Art (Illustrations and posters), and Writing (poetry and composition). Each category includes the following:

- * Music (original, cover, band, solo, instrument, singing)
- * Dance (any style, group or solo)
- * Art/Craft (original painting, illustration, poster, sculpture, embroidery etc)
- * Writing/Literary (original poetry, short story, script)

Word limits - preference is under 250 and limit 500

Videos - preference is 60s and if needed under 5 minutes

PETITION

You can add your name to the #ProtectOurFutureFromFossilFuels petition by downloading it, printing the second page, signing it, and mailing it back to the P.O. Box details included on the first page. You can download it from webpage

<https://actionnetwork.org/.../ProtectOurFutureFromFossil...>

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YOUR FOSSIL FUEL STRUGGLE

Let us know if you would like to provide a mini-interview of your fossil fuel struggle.

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual online rally.