

51 ACTIONS AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

This list proves that no one can argue that there's nothing we can do about climate change. Our only problem now is choosing what to do- and when has that ever been an excuse for not doing anything?!



1. Write letters to politicians, the media, ring up radio stations, write messages on the pavement, demand real action against fossil fuels - the cause of climate change. Don't believe anyone who says they can burn carbon without driving climate chaos.
2. Organise protests against fossil-fuel companies, aluminium companies, air-lines, governments, and any other organisation blocking climate solutions.
3. Find out the sea-level rise or flood level predictions for your area and paint/chalk this level in blue around town. Accompany with posters explaining the line and forecasted impacts of extreme weather.
4. Take action to reduce your own energy consumption- set yourself a target. Tell everyone about it- your family, friends, neighbours and get their support (like giving up smoking!)
5. Join or start a campaign against a climate-changing development in your area, such as a coal mine, road, desalination plant, power plant, etc... Join the campaign against Hunter coal export expansion.
6. Fix up some bikes and set up a local free bike scheme.
7. Target traffic jams with leaflets about greenhouse pollution and climate change.
8. Buy 100% renewable energy, or even make your own.
9. Declare a car share or green transport week, support with posters, leaflets, actions
10. Set up an info stall in a busy place.
11. Produce posters, distribute them, put them up all over town
12. Talk with your friends and neighbours about what you could do collectively, such as car share, setting personal targets, fighting the coal companies, organising school transport etc.
13. Grow at least some of your own food. Reclaim some space to do this with others - set up a community garden.
14. Declare a car-free zone in your town and put up car-free road signs
15. Blockade or occupy a power station. Block plans for any new power stations.
16. "Fine" business people and politicians for crimes against the planet.
17. Find out about local development plans, put in your own ideas, challenge anything that will drive climate change in any way.
18. Visit electricity/electrical goods retailers, note how much effort they put put energy efficiency. Set up an info stall outside (or inside!) for the day
19. Produce a local-produce buying guide for your area. Local food has much less greenhouse impact.
20. Energy consumption reduction - raise the issue in your work-place or school.
21. Don't fly in planes!
22. Hassle everyone you know to change their lightbulbs, and turn off appliances that aren't in use.
23. Subvertise - distort the messages on adverts for climate criminals, such as coal and energy companies, oil companies, car and plane ads.

24. React to events- when there is a record drought unseasonable weather, or unexpected storm, get out on the streets protesting and making the links for people. Prepare a local phone tree to pull people together at short notice to do this.
25. Guerilla Energy Reduction! Turn off lights, turn down heating, change heating timers to come on less, swap old lightbulbs for energy efficient ones
26. Get out there and start talking!
27. Put flyers about climate change under peoples windsreen wipers, encouraging them to ride bikes instead. You can make fish-shaped flyers and talk about rising sea levels.
28. Prepare materials for teachers, and do talks and activities in schools. Start up a parents group against climate change through your kid's school.
29. Throw a pie at Ian Campbell - Federal Environment Minister. He's pathetic.
30. Start a renewable energy co-op.
31. Shut down petrol stations and offer advice on how to kick the habit - offer alternatives to oil addiction, such as free bikes
32. Put up displays at events, public places (the library, public noticeboards).
33. Make wasting energy a social embarrassment! Harass shops that leave lights on overnight..
34. Boycott aluminium products.
35. Agit-crop! Planting or seed sowing to spell out a message, in council flowerbeds, railway embankments, open spaces. Or mow a message into a public lawn!
36. Refuse to buy products from far away. The further your food and other products travel - the more greenhouse emissions.
37. Demand that the Australian Government accept climate refugees - people are already fleeing some low-lying counties in the Pacific, due to rising sea levels.
38. Create images of what future climate chaos could look like in your area and paste them up.
39. Make art that informs people about climate chaos and empowers them to take action against it.
40. Start a new climate action group. You'd be surprised who will listen to you when you've got a logo, a website, and a few people to show up at events and protests.
41. Put up Climate Chaos Ahead signs on busy roads, near power stations, coal mines, coal loaders etc.
42. Visit your local members. Tell them that you simply won't accept any more coal developments.
43. Hang banners from bridges over highways and busy roads during rush hours- thousands will see them (stay with the banner or the police will remove it and not give it back!)
44. Think and act radically. Climate change is a profound problem, and it probably requires some profound social change if life on earth is going to survive as we know it. The current political and economic orthodoxy of "growth growth growth" cannot be sustained on a finite planet with finite resources.
45. Reclaim the streets for people, not cars!
46. Link up with other groups/campaigns with linked concerns - such as farmer groups, local refugee/asylum seekers support groups. Plan joint work around environmental refugees.
47. Campaign for not-for-profit public transport.
48. Set up letter-writing stalls, and collect letters to the government demanding an end to fossil fuels.
49. Paint bike lanes on the road!
50. Start a campaign against all air flights where people can take a train.
51. Get together with other people, work out what you want to achieve, plan your actions/campaign and DO IT!