

MEIN KLIMAWISSEN

EINE ERDE FÜR ALLE

STECKBRIEFE AUS ALLER WELT & MATERIALIEN
(ENGLISCH)



#SchuleJetztWandeln

Herausgegeben von Students for Future Germany

Some of the profiles contain sentence structures we usually don't use and there are also small grammatical errors within the texts. Nevertheless we didn't want to change them as we decided to put our stress rather on the topic and the authenticity of each answer than on grammar aspects. We hope you can approve our decision as we deal with young people's dreams and fears, their hopes and their determination to change the world into a better one.

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In cooperation with Fridays for Future activists from 25 different countries, we created a collection of personal profiles and writings. Most of the activists attend school at the moment. Their answers from countries from all over the world make it possible to bring aspects of the global climate crisis to younger pupils directly.

We are happy and thankful for having received such a great amount of positive feedback and the large number of submissions in response to our requests. Unfortunately it is not possible for us to make all the revised profiles and writings available within the framework of this school program. However, as we are convinced of the high potential of this project, we will work on further possibilities for the use and publication of the complete profile and text collection in English and German.

The personal profiles and texts can be used for several different tasks approximately from grade six onwards. We included a selection of worksheets. The following questions also provide a good basis for getting to know the activists and the consequences of the climate crisis:

What are similarities / differences? Are there common demands?

In this context, the students can also fill out profiles themselves. We will be happy to collect these profiles on our website!

We also offer an opportunity to get in touch with the activists. Write us an email to schuleneudenken@fridaysforfuture.de and we will forward your texts or questions.

We are looking forward to receiving many more of your ideas and feedback!

We received personal profiles and texts from the following countries:

Afghanistan
Australia
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Germany
Greece
Greenland
Honduras
India
Ireland
Israel
Japan
Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Pakistan
Portugal
Russia
Serbia
Turkey
Uganda
United States

April 2021

Name:
Age:
Grade:
Country & City:
First Language:

I took part in a
Fridays for Future
strike yes/no,
because...

From my point of view, protecting our
planet means...

What I can do to protect our planet:

Climate Change means that...

First name: Amy
Age: 15 years old
Grade: 3rd year, secondary school
Country: Ireland
First language: English

How does the climate crisis affect your country?

Ireland is not a most affected country now but we are experiencing more regular and frequent storms and drought which cause flooding. We are used to a very mild climate. This is very problematic because we are a farming country so land is being ruined and many people live on the coast and along the rivers. As an island, it is very likely that the whole country will be flooded in the future!

Why and since when are you part of Fridays for Future?

I've been part of Fridays for Future for about a year now but I've done a lot of other climate activism before then through podcasts and in various different ways in my own country. Climate activism is essential to me because climate justice is about human survival! At Fridays for Future, you can use your own knowledge and experience for activism but you always learn from other people too!

What are your goals?

My goals are to fight for every percentage of a degree less of global warming. That means we need equality for all countries in solving climate change. I can't do that on my own but with all of the brilliant Fridays for Future activists together, I think we have to.

What are the causes of these changes?

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Name: Yusuf

Age: 17

Grade: 11th

Country: Pakistan

Language: Balochi

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What are your goals?

I have started activism to work for my community and to make people aware of these issues. I want to raise my voice against these injustices around the world especially to urge privileged nations to stop destroying nature.

How does the climate crisis affect your country?

We have been affected by the climate crisis for years and we are one of the most vulnerable countries. Certain regions in particular are hit the hardest, like Sindh and Balochistan, where people are being displaced, their homes are being destroyed by the floods and the people are dying from hunger and thirst. People have to walk for miles to get water to drink, which is still not clean. This is how we live on the frontline of the crisis. Most people live under extremely vulnerable conditions, mainly in rural areas. Sometimes, cities also get flooded and villages are being destroyed, because of the melting glaciers .

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First name: Irene

Age: 15

Grade: 10th Grade

Country: Honduras

First Language: Spanish

Why and since when are you part of Fridays for Future?

I have been a member of Fridays for Future since our branch in Honduras launched in 2018. When the global movement began, I watched from afar. I felt like I wasn't doing enough. I saw the effects of the climate crisis in Honduras and I was extremely concerned. I couldn't just hang around and watch that happen. So when my friend took the initiative to start a Fridays for Future movement in Honduras. I joined without hesitating!

What are your goals?

Our goals as Fridays for Future Honduras are to involve as many people as possible in the climate activism movement. We want them to wake up and see the hidden yet evident reality that we live in. With this awareness, we'd like to become active and demand immediate action to reverse the terrible damage that has been done and ignored over the years.

How does the climate crisis affect your country?

Honduras is definitely one of the most vulnerable countries to the effects of climate change. In the past 3 years we have felt the drastic changes in climate. My family and I live in the fields and mountainous regions of Honduras. Today, these fields are dry and lifeless. Complete ecosystems have been affected by rising temperatures. Not only that, but in 2020, the North of Honduras faced full devastation when we were struck with 2 hurricanes ETA and Iota in less than a month.

What are the causes of these changes?

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First name: Iluuna

Age: 20

Grade: 12

Country: Greenland

First language:

Greenlandic, Danish

Why and since when are you part of Fridays for Future?

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What are your goals?

I hope to continue raising the voices of the indigenous youth in Greenland and make us more visible to the world, but also to Greenlanders themselves, so that we can work together on a local and on a global level.

How does the climate crisis affect your country?

There are many ways in which climate change is affecting Greenland. We are very dependent on nature to live our everyday life. With all the changes going on within our environment we have to change our way of life as well. The times of hunting and fishing are changing. Usually certain animals show up at certain times because of the temperatures. But because the temperatures are rising the animals' behavior changes and they appear at irregular times, so we have to adapt to that as well. The ice and the glaciers are shrinking more and more every year. Even as young people, we see how much it has changed in a short amount of time.

What are the causes of these changes?

I think it is mainly global warming. It is affecting Greenland heavily and we can clearly see the immediate changes to our surroundings.

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First name: Adrien

Age: 16

Grade: 10

Country:

United States of America

First Language: English

Why and since when are you part of Fridays for Future?

I've been part of Fridays for Future since January 2021, but I've been part of the climate movement since September 2019. I'm passionate about fighting the climate crisis because it is something that affects us all, and immediate action isn't being taken from our leaders. Change needs to happen, and Fridays for Future pushes for change directly based on science.

What are your goals?

I want real change to happen. I want government policies to be put in place that will hold people responsible for ending their CO2 emissions by 2030. As a matter of fact I think the government is more likely not to change its goal before 2050. Nevertheless I demand living in an environmentally safe place to become a human right. I dream of burning fossil fuels to become illegal one day. I want to have a future not only for my children but also for my future grandchildren.



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How does the climate crisis affect your country?

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What are the causes of these changes?

Everything is a direct cause of climate change. The global average temperature has increased, which has caused the dangerously long fire season in California. The glaciers that supply the West Coast with water are melting, so there is less water for people to use. Tropical storms have become worse by climate change because as the global temperatures increase, so do air circulation patterns. This is what has caused these devastating storms. As some areas of the globe get hotter, cold fronts rush to places that usually don't experience them, which is likely why we got the devastating snow storm in Texas. Global warming spreads because CO₂ emissions are eating away at our ozone layer which allows more heat to enter through our atmosphere. We emit so much CO₂ within our manufacturing process and that needs to be stopped in order to stop the climate crisis.

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Age : 23

Grade : third year university

Country: Namibia

First Language: Otjiherero

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I joined Fridays for Future in August 2019, because I fell in love with the idea of protecting the environment and the earth since I have been in primary school and I wanted to be on a platform where I could work with my peers to make a difference.

What are your goals?

I wish to educate people about sustainable living. Teaching them how to live from the land without hurting the environment. I wish to create awareness of global warming and climate change and how we can preserve the earth and the environment for future generations. I also wish to educate my learners about renewable energy.



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How does the climate crises affect your country ?

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What are the causes of these changes?

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Age: 20
Country: Australia
First language: English

Why and since when are you part of Fridays for Future?

I have been part of Fridays for Future since early 2019. I felt that I had to join this incredible movement because my government adamantly refuses even to acknowledge that we are in a crisis and need to do something about it. Australia is one of the world's largest exporters of coal and gas and we have one of the highest per capita emissions. I cannot sit back and wait for someone else to act, it is my moral responsibility to fight for climate justice.

What are your goals?

My goal is for the world to truly wake up to the climate crisis and to achieve climate justice so that we can limit the global temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees C. I hope that we can create a world that is fair, just, equitable and sustainable, so we can pass it onto future generations with pride.

How does the climate crisis affect your country?

The climate crisis is increasing the severity, intensity and length of bushfire seasons in Australia. In 2019 – 2020 we experienced our worst bushfire season on record in which over 18 million hectares of land burned, more than 1 billion animals were estimated to have died and 33 people lost their lives. The skies turned completely to orange and the smoke was so thick that you could actually taste it. But bushfires aren't the only impact we can feel. We've also had extensive drought, flooding, coastal erosion due to rising sea levels, the constant destruction of the First Nations Country and the bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef, just to mention a few of them. Neighbouring countries like Kiribati will completely perish if we continue with our business as usual attitude.

The changes to the Australian landscape due to bushfires, drought and increased temperatures have been enormous. What was once pristine forest teeming with wildlife is now decimated. Without urgent and rapid changes, studies expect that koalas could become extinct in NSW by 2050. Widespread bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef has turned what was once exquisite vibrant coral reef ecosystems into every white graveyards of bleached coral. It is heartbreaking to see how the climate crisis and our blatant disregard for natural ecosystems has changed Australian ecosystems so drastically.

For people living in areas directly hit by bushfires that means evacuating your home and town with the knowledge that everything you know may no longer be there when you return. In large cities like Sydney, an unprecedented bushfire season meant weeks of air that was unbreathable and black and orange skies. In drought affected areas it means financial insecurity for those who rely on the ground. Along the coast, it can mean that your home will be captured by the ocean so you don't have any choice but to leave. For Aboriginal communities, it means the destruction of sacred land that had been stolen from them in former times.

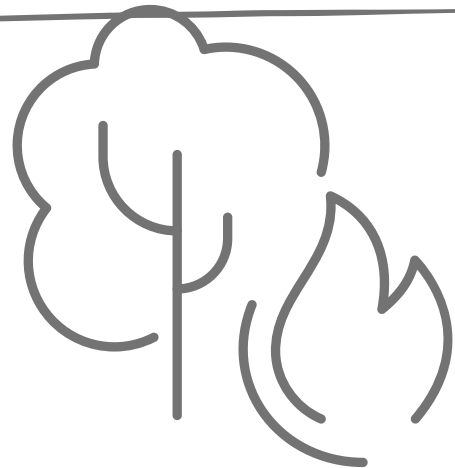
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