

WORLD CLIMATE MARCH

Schools Speak Out
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ACTION GUIDE



This autumn Oxfam and its partners have organised a virtual World Climate March. We're asking young people and adults all around the world to walk 1.5km in their communities or schools.

Oxfam is collecting videos and photos of everyone marching, and we'll be showing the best of these on screens and billboards in Glasgow as world leaders meet at the COP26 climate change conference during November. This is your chance to be part of a global movement and make your voices count in Glasgow.

We picked 1.5km because this represents the 1.5C temperature rise that we need to limit global warming to avoid catastrophic climate change. World leaders agreed to the 1.5C limit in the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015. Now we're marching in our local areas to demand they put this promise into action.

What Can You Do?

This action guide outlines what you can do at school to take part in the World Climate March. Please discuss and decide the best plan for your school with your teacher.

1. Learn about climate justice and discuss your learning with others - page 2
2. Plan your World Climate March. There are several ways to do this. Decide what's best with your teacher - pages 2 & 3
3. Send your videos, photos and permission letters (if required) to John McLaverty - jmclaverty@oxfam.org.uk - and they'll be submitted for Oxfam's displays in Glasgow - page 3

1. Learn about climate justice and discuss your learning with others

The Oxfam Education resource [The Human Impact of Climate Change](#) contains five activities which ask you to think about the climate crisis as a human rights issue. Complete at least one of the activities to build your understanding of climate justice.

- Often people do not think about climate change as having an impact on inequality, human rights and justice. So think about and discuss the questions raised by the resource.
- In school, a teacher or senior student could lead a group through the activities, either in lessons or after school.
- At home, you could read through the resources by yourself. When you've finished, discuss the idea of climate justice with others and decide how you'll best represent your demand for climate justice in your march.



Previously fertile soil during a drought in Pakistan. This is an impact of climate change destroying the incomes and livelihoods of women farmers. *Photo: Khaula Jamil/OxfamAUS*

2. Plan the photos and videos you'll take to share with others.

Oxfam requires parental permission to use a photo or video which shows the recognisable face of a young person under 18. So plan how you'll manage this requirement. Here are four possible alternatives. Discuss them with your teacher and pick the best.

1. Organise a group to do the march together. If you share photos or videos with recognisable faces, complete a parental consent form for every young person whose face is recognisable.

2. Organise a group to do the march together. If you make sure no faces are visible or recognisable in your photos or videos, you don't need to complete parental consent forms.

3. Photograph or film young people holding up messages to world leaders while marching. If no faces are visible or recognisable, you don't need to complete parental consent forms

4. Photograph young people's feet marching in funky footwear and styles. If no faces are visible or recognisable, you don't need to complete parental consent forms.



Tips for organising your march

- Think about the location of your walk and good angles for your photos or videos.
- Turn the march into an event with message writing, costumes and creativity, and remind everyone of its purpose.
- Use a pedometer app downloaded to a mobile phone to measure 1.5km. It's about 2,000 steps or almost 1 mile.
- If your school has a social media account ask the teacher in charge if it's possible to take photos. Use the hashtag **#WorldClimateMarch** and tweet **@oxfamcampaigns**
- You only require parental permission for Oxfam to use your images if young people's faces are recognisable or visible in your images. Your main decision is therefore whether you'll need to get parental permission.
- If permission is needed, allow a few days for your teacher to send the forms home and scan them when they are returned. There is a parental consent form in this resource for you to download and print if you need it.
- Oxfam's **safeguarding** and **privacy** statements are available for you, your teachers and your parents to read. They may be downloaded with this resource. Always follow your school's safeguarding and privacy policies as well as Oxfam's. Your teacher will explain these to you.
- Have fun!

3. Send your photos, videos and permission letters (if required) to John McLaverty - jmclaverty@oxfam.org.uk

The final step is to send your photos, videos and permission letters (if they're required) to Oxfam.

Please email them to jmclaverty@oxfam.org.uk

We'll check them and then share them with the team working in Glasgow.

Keep an eye on the World Climate March website to see if your school's photos or videos are featured. And they may be shown live on a billboard or big screen at COP26 in Glasgow!

Remember

1. When you send us your photos and videos, tell us your school's name, how many young people took part in the march and roughly how many kilometres they marched altogether. This will be added to the total on the World Climate March website.
2. If you have sent us parental permission forms, please name each photo using each child's name as they appear on the consent forms. This is so we can remove photos from Oxfam's database if parents or children later request it. No names will be used if we use the images.
3. Oxfam may contact your school about making future use of images.
4. The submission deadline for photos and videos to be displayed in Glasgow is **November 6th 2021**. If you complete the march after this date you should email a march photo to your MP with a covering letter explaining your action and calling for urgent progress towards the 1.5C global warming limit. Please copy in jmclaverty@oxfam.org.uk to your email

Jessy and Issac are two young climate campaigners in Malawi. Here they speak to students at their former secondary school. This project is funded by the European Union.

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