

Timeline

2018

20th of August, Monday

Greta Thunberg sits down alone between the two halves of the Swedish parliament building and begins to strike

7th of September, Saturday

At the Rålambshov park, the young strikers announce the founding of #FridaysForFuture

8th of September, Sunday

Elections in Sweden. It will be months before the left-wing/green coalition government is confirmed

13th of September, Friday

First Friday strike under the name #FridaysForFuture

October

The UN special report “IPCC SR1.5” is published, explaining the difference between 1.5 and 2 degrees of global warming

31st of October, Wednesday

Founding weekend of Extinction Rebellion in London

17th of November, Saturday

The first big blockade of Stockholm by Extinction Rebellion

30th of November, Friday

Roughly 10 000 pupils go on strike in Australia, partly in response to Prime Minister Morrison's remarks about climate activists. Belgian strikes on Thursdays increase in size

9th of December, Sunday

The first internationally coordinated action by FFF and XR takes place: "Climate Alarm"

12th of December, Wednesday

Greta makes a speech at the COP24 climate summit of the UN in Katowice, Poland

21st of December, Friday

As a reaction to discussions of a carbon tax in parliament, the first largescale strike takes place in Switzerland

2019

18th of January, Friday

The first big strike in Berlin

25th of January, Friday

World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. "Our house is on fire"

12th of February, Tuesday

IPBES biodiversity report by the UN is published, with alarming statistics

15th of February, Friday

Great Britain and France strike on a grand scale for the first time

13th of March, Wednesday

FFF strike at the EU offices in Strasbourg

15th of March, Friday

The first global strike with around 1.6 million participants

15th of April, Monday

The blockade of central London by Extinction Rebellion begins
 In Stockholm, XR blocks the parliament bridge
 Greta speaks at the British parliament after visits to Rome and Brussels

29th of April, Monday

The UK declares a climate emergency

24th of May, Friday (the weekend of the EU elections)

The second global strike

4th-9th of August

The big European FFF meeting SmileForFuture in Lausanne, Switzerland

20th to 27th of September

The Global Week For Future with global strikes together with trade unions and NGOs. Around 8 million young people and adults take part in the strike marches

23rd of September, Tuesday

Greta makes her “How dare you” speech at the UN climate summit in New York

7th of October, Monday

Extinction Rebellion blocks the city centres of London, New York, Paris, and Berlin

29th of November and 6th of December

Fourth global strike, in Stockholm in the suburb of Rinkeby
 In Madrid, 500 000 people gather around Fridays for Future

2nd-13th of December

COP25 meeting in Madrid

2020**21st-24th of January**

World Economic Forum

4th of March

Statement by Scientists for Future on the new EU climate law

16th and 17th of July

Young people from FFF – supported by leading scientists – write a letter to the EU with demands; and 20 activists from the Global South address the G20 states

April to August

The climate justice movement moves online due to the Corona pandemic and listens to the #BlackLivesMatter demonstrations

20th to 21st of August

Two years have passed since the first day of the strikes and the activists return – wearing masks – to Mynttorget. Young people present demands entitled #FaceTheClimateEmergency

25th of September

Global Day of Climate Action

2021

25th of March, Friday

Global strike, #PeopleNotProfit

24th of September, Friday

Global strike, #UprootTheSystem, part 1

22nd of October, Friday

Global strike, #UprootTheSystem, part 2

31st of October–13th of November

COP26 meeting in Glasgow

2022

25th of March, Friday

Global strike, #PeopleNotProfit

1st-3rd of June

Stockholm+50: UN environment conference, 50 years after the first conference when Olof Palme called for a law against ecocide

9th of September, Friday

Strike in Stockholm before the elections, exactly four years since the beginning of the strikes

11th of September

Elections in Sweden

23rd of September, Friday

Global strike, #PeopleNotProfit

2023

14th of January, Friday

Strike in Lützerath, Germany

3rd of March, Friday

Global strike, #TomorrowIsTooLate

9th of June, Friday

Last school day for many activists in Stockholm, after five years of school strike for climate

