

# Timeline

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## 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

