

# Climate Emergency Manchester

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The campaign is gathering speed. This week we will almost certainly hit 1000 signatures, thanks to the hard work of various signature collectors. Several organisations have been in touch (first invited speaking gig confirmed – please get us along to others). People are collecting signatures at their places of work, in their neighbourhoods. We say thank you!!

## News

We're beginning to build connections outside the usual eco-bubble (not that we intend to ignore people within it!) and we're asking for invites to speak at any events about the future of Manchester, or its present difficulties. Another letter has appeared in the Manchester Evening News

Videos are appearing on the website of people who've signed. Please make one, send us the address!

We've confirmed our speakers for May 23<sup>rd</sup>

We've launched the "When September Ends: What Next for Climate Action in Manchester?" competition

We've hit triple figures on Twitter followers.

## Thanks

To all those who have begun to collect paper signatures!  
To all those who have used social media to publicise the campaign.

Thanks to Hannah Knox and Anne Tucker, who did "milestone interviews" for passing 150 and 200 signatures online.

## Things we want your help with in the next 2 weeks

- As ever, ask your friends/family/ acquaintances to sign the petition and to get involved – at whatever level they feel appropriate – in local climate activism.
- Tell us about upcoming events
- Collect signatures with us at Eco Fest in Whalley Range (Sat 18) and other events.
- Publicise the existence of (and entering!) the "When September Ends: What Next for Climate Action in Manchester?" competition, which closes on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Details on our website – basically, what should we do to sustain the morale and momentum built up over the last few months?

## The text of our petition:

***"We the undersigned petition the Council to declare a climate emergency, with a target to be "zero carbon" by the year 2030, with a proportionate share of Manchester Airport's emissions (35.5 percent owned by the Council) included in the carbon budget it sets."***

## Advice for people collecting signatures on paper

- Have your pen tied to the clipboard with string, or else have lots of spare pens
- Have compliments slips to hand out to anyone who signs, and to those who can't because they are not eligible. Ask everyone, regardless, to share the address with friends, family, work colleagues, acquaintances etc.
- Explain that people must print clearly, and give the address which gives them eligibility to sign. E.g. if they live outside Manchester but work or study, they should give their work/study address, including street address and postcode if they know it. Imagine it is a birthday card that you want to get to you...
- If you've time, please emphasise that the petition is about connections, so we're keen to do workshops and talks with community groups, religious groups, trade union groups, you name it

## Metrics

Events attended to get signatures (an incomplete list):  
Fridays for Future, TUC May Day events, 'This Changes Everything', XR meetings

Number of people filling in contact form: 17

Number of	Last bulletin	This time
online signatures		
paper signatures in possession of organisers	274	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	145	464
Number of online signatures	419	864

## Our three aims:

1. Help connect old and new 'concerned citizens' in Manchester
2. Make it easier for concerned citizens to have conversations with other Mancunians
3. Get (at least!) 4000 signatures and so force Manchester City Council to debate our motion.

## May 23- Public Meeting: "What Next for Climate Action in Manchester?"

# What next for **CLIMATE ACTION** in Manchester?

On **Thursday 23 May**, on the eve of the next Youth Strike for Climate, the crucial question of 'what next?' will be discussed at a free public meeting at the **Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St**. Speakers will include **Emma Greenwood** from **Youth Strike for Climate**, and representatives from **Climate Emergency Manchester, Rising Up! Manchester Families, GM Unite Community Branch Climate Group** and **Extinction Rebellion Manchester**.

Mingling from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The speeches will be no more than 5 minutes each, and the meeting itself will be genuinely interactive and networks-building. And at least filmed (hopefully live-streamed, in case you can't make it)

### Other dates for your diary

**Sunday May 19** Green New Deal: A debate on our climate future, King's Arms, Salford.

**Friday May 24** School Strike for Climate #4. 12 noon, St Peter's Square

**Saturday May 25** Envirolution Festival, Platt Fields

**Weds 29 May** Winning a Green New Deal, Methodist Hall, Oldham St

**Saturday June 1** Groundswell (Friends of the Earth event at the Mechanics Institute

**Saturday June 1** Carnival of Creatures, Manchester Museum

At the moment there are three key personnel – Marc Hudson, Calum McFarlane and Chloe Jeffries. We'd love to have more people helping co-ordinate things, so if you're interested in a few months of unpaid, unglamorous but vitally important work, then do get in touch via **[climateemergencymanchester@gmail.com](mailto:climateemergencymanchester@gmail.com)**

- We are always looking for those many hands who make light work. If you have an hour, a day, a week, please get in touch. We will not guilt-trip you into doing more than you want to do!
- If you can get us invited to a meeting (the bigger the better) to talk with people and collect signatures, please get in touch.
- If you have ideas or suggestions about any aspect of our work (and we know, the website is terrible still), please get in touch.