



AFRICAN CLIMATE ALLIANCE

A SHORT CASE STUDY (SO FAR)

WHO IS AFRICAN CLIMATE ALLIANCE? (ACA)

African Climate Alliance is a youth-led group advocating for climate, ecological and social justice.

We believe in a future defined by environmental and social justice. To achieve this we aim to deliver dynamic, Afrocentric environmental education and action, while creating a safe and inclusive space for South African youth.

We aim to:

- Unite to campaign for climate, ecological and social justice
- Make climate action creative & fun
- Encourage inclusive, intercultural collaboration around socio-environmental challenges
- Advocate for and deliver climate change education that adequately prepares young people for the realities of climate breakdown
- Promote an intersectional climate movement that aims to elevate voices of black, brown, indigenous, working-class and marginalized groups



GLOBAL #CLIMATESTRIKE

MARCH 15

JOIN SCHOOL STUDENTS

STRIKING FOR A SAFE CLIMATE

**TWO WEEKS, A FEW COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS
AND SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS**

GLOBAL #CLIMATESTRIKE

**FRIDAY 15 MARCH
12PM - 3PM**

OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT, CAPE TOWN

**INSPIRED BY GRETA THUNBERG,
WE ARE STRIKING AND RISING
UP AGAINST CLIMATE INACTION**

SCAN FOR
FB EVENT



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PREPARATIONS



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MOBILISATION TOOLS

- Collaborating with other organisations
- Emails to school principles
- School reps in charge of mobilising their fellow students
- Whatsapp groups
- Facebook and Instagram
 - Event and posts
- School assemblies
- Meetings and phone calls
 - Teachers union
 - Environmental forums
 - Eco clubs at schools & universities

LOGISTICS

- City permits
- March Route
- Centralised to-do lists + whatsapp groups
- Funding – support from 350africa.org
- Transport arrangements
- Banner making, chants
- Safety & security: Marshalls & marshal training, first aid, police
- Memorandum of demands
- Stage line up, MC, stage & sound
- Press release and media advisory on the day, radio appearances etc.
- Documenting: videographer, photographer, voice notes

Cape Town youth joining the Global Climate Strike on Friday 15th March

Add label



Sarah Farrell 25 Feb
to info



Dear Principal,

We are writing to you as a courtesy to inform you that learners from schools across the city will be joining the **Fridays for Future Global School Strike for Climate** on the last day of term.

As most schools close at 11am on that day, it should not affect attendance, as the event runs from **12 noon until 3pm** outside Parliament.

We would like to ask you to join the **200 academics in UK** who signed [this letter](#) in support of their striking students. Please let us know if you would be willing to allow Climate Strike Cape Town youth representatives to give an assembly at your school explaining why the **situation is critical**?

For more information see the Facebook event **Climate Strike Cape Town**.



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GOVERNANCE & INTERFACE - GATHERINGS

APPLICATION FOR PROCESSION, DEMONSTRATION OR GATHERING IN TERMS OF REGULATION OF GATHERINGS ACT NO. 205 OF 1993

1. ORGANISATION

The Convener is acting on behalf of: (indicate the full name of the organisation)

Name of organisation: EXTINCTION REBELLION SOUTH AFRICA

Organisation's Address: 52 RA THFELDER AVENUE, CONSTANTIA
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2. CONVENOR

2.1 Name: SARAH ROBYN FARRELL

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ALTERNATIVE CONVENOR

2.2 Name: RUBY SAMPSON

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3. THE PURPOSE OF THE GATHERING:

CLIMATE STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE INACTION

We will be raising awareness about the current climate emergency, whereby over 15,000 climate scientists from around the world have warned humanity that we have just 12 years to cut emissions by 50% and need to

reach decarbonisation by 2050. That means no more coal and no new fossil fuel projects. We will also be handing over our demands to parliament and sending it directly to the president via mail.

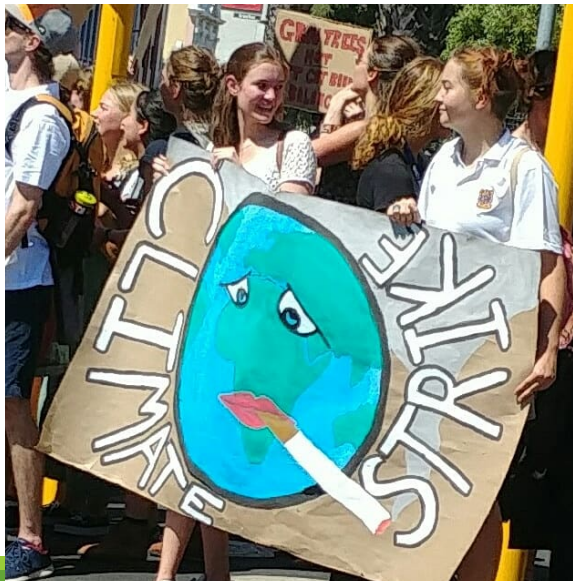
DETAILS OF ACTION: 1.) ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT - Speeches and musical performances

ACA CLIMATE MARCH CHECKLIST - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FILL IN
 NB We are hoping to grow relationship between adult mentors and youth helpers to build skills so that the youth can take full responsibility for majority of tasks in future.

ROLE:	RESPONSIBILITIES:	TO BE DONE:
Schools coordination	Mobilise and advise participating schools on placards etc. ACA Adult mobilisers: Lydia, Thembeke, Yandiswa, Pupa, Xoli ACA Youth: Ruby and school reps	Please can each mobiliser add names of schools, numbers of participants and teachers/marshals contact details to this participants list
Schools reps	Youth coordinator for each school involved	Please make sure your contact numbers are on the above list
Transport coordination	ACA Adult: Rachel Mash with assistance from Sarah	Each school co-ordination member needs to take responsibility for their group with this indemnity form and sent back to Rachel Rachel to keep track of list of schools that need transport assistance
Budget manager	ACA Adult: Lorna from Project 90	Process invoices and issue payments and receipts for transport funds ASAP
City liaison	Includes dealing with officials, police and permits ACA Adult: Chantal Dette ACA Youth: Khelan Dheda	*update* City Hall : invoice received. Process payment Events Office : Permit will be issued once City Hall gives the go-ahead Magistrate's Office : Event's Office will advise Chief Magistrate on approval of application. (Contact has been made and they are awaiting Event's Office) Gatherings Office : no permit required
Marshals	Ensuring safety of participants en route ACA Adult: Pupa Fumba, Khanyiselo Silo ACA Youth: Nicholas Ford	Please add your name to participant list if you are willing to act as marshal for your group Training will take place FRIDAY from 11AM-12noon
Logistics	Setting up stage and banner on arrival, booking toilets, providing loorolls, water and back up wherever necessary ACA Adults: Cassi Goodman, Olivia Taylor ACA Youth: anyone who can get there early on the day	Please add your name below if you are willing to help out on the day LOGISTICS CREW: Lucas Rosenfield Matthew Peddie Noa Brawerman Megan Farquhar Helen Brooke
Speakers and MC	Line-up put together by ACA Youth: Ruby	Schedule of events plus Rati vegan model celebrity appearance Need to find suitable MC Matthew Peddie as back-up
Stage and	PA confirmed by Meganthrie Pillay	Stage from Herzlia, dimensions tbc







MARCH -JUNE

- Youth Climate Council formed amongst school going youth, as well as an adult supporter group of civil society, parents and concerned adults
- YCC votes on name African Climate Alliance
 - More South African-centric version of the global youth movement
 - Desire to promote an intersectional approach to climate justice needs to be formed (intersectional = inclusive of social justice)



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We are in a planetary crisis!

That's why we're here...

Environmental destruction, resource depletion, pollution and climate breakdown are human rights issues!

These issues affect everyone – but they are already disproportionately affecting those who are poor and vulnerable. We want to hold leaders and big industries accountable and call for systemic change to simultaneously address environmental and social issues – for they are one and the same.

[Read our blog](#)

[Sign up to ACA](#)











REACTING TO OUR CURRENT GLOBAL CRISIS

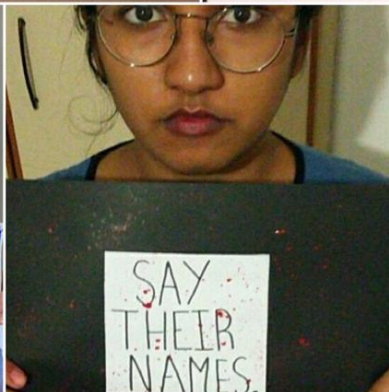
- Weekly online meetings (zoom)
- Using existing funding to supply data and ensure more equal access to online spaces
- Online Events: Youth Day #TheFutureIs (Womxn-strong, all-POC line up including speakers, music and poetry)
- Discussion around socially distanced protests
- Focus on content and education
- Online climate strikes
- Commenting on news and publishing Op-eds
- Looking to introduce new organizational tools to help us communicate such as slack

JUNE 16TH X YOUTH DAY

#THEFUTUREIS

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MAVERICK CITIZEN: OP-ED

Our future is not a game – #TheFutureIsNow

By Nick Ford, Gabriel Klassen, Mani Alexander and Amy
Chambers • 15 June 2020



**OPINION: Youth climate activists call for
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to Covid-19 crisis**

 Mourners raise their fists

news24

Kate Birch, Gabriel Klaasen, Sairusha Govindsamy & Nick Ford

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Police brutality – SA youth have their say

By Sasha Rodenacker, Sairusha Govindsamy, Nick Ford,
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CHALLENGES

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- Internal power dynamics (i.e who's voices are the loudest? Who feels welcome?)
- lack of/varying degrees of environmental literacy
- Miscommunication, difficulty with delegation / lack of responsibility
- Movement expansion
- South Africa's existing inequality, and oppressive systems (also within the environmental movement)

HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THIS?

- By actively (ongoing) trying to address and shift oppressive power dynamics and make an inclusive space
- Education committee: partnerships, resource creation etc.
- More regular meetings, starting to address communications tools
- Aim to create resources to empower people to have decentralised actions
- Trying to mitigate unequal access by providing data, discussing long-term plans and aiming to partner with more organisations in marginalized communities (i.e currently work with Earth Child Project)

LESSONS

- Think global, act local (don't always look to global north for answers)
- Start with the hard work internally then move outward
- It's not just about climate change: colonialism, racism, mass consumption, sexism – are all part of the same toxic system. That is why we call for intersectional systems change and climate justice where no-one is left behind.
- Climate change affects us all but not equally – those most affected by all injustices should be given the biggest platform
- It's a relay marathon - not a sprint.
 - Be patient
 - Rest and take care
 - Have fun whenever you can

COLLABORATE WITH ACA

- ACA currently collaborates with a number of organisations
- Become a partner organisation so we can synchronise actions and messaging and/or support one another
- Join ACA as an individual
- Get in touch: team@africanclimatealliance.org
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
- Visit our website www.africanclimatealliance.org