

The IPCC also says we have until 2030 to make the changes necessary to achieve that limit. Many scientists think this is within our grasp if Governments act urgently and treat climate breakdown as the crisis that it is by implementing bold strategies such as radically changing our transport, energy and food producing systems and developing carbon capture technology.

It might be that the force required to make change happen can be generated by our children. On August 20th 2018 a 15 year old Swedish school girl went on strike from school and sat outside the Swedish Parliament with a few homemade flyers and a painted sign saying 'school strike for climate'. She continued her strike every day until Sweden's general election on September 9th, demanding that the Swedish government reduce carbon emissions in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement. Since then she has continued to strike, every Friday, gaining worldwide media attention and inspiring a global network of student School Strikes - using the social media tag #FridaysForFuture.



Students on the march in Oxford

In December 2018 Greta was invited to speak at the latest UN climate conference, COP24 in Poland, and the World Economic Forum 2019 in Davos where she told forum delegates:

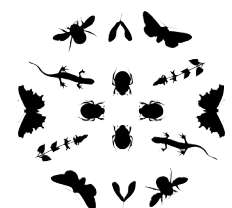
"Some people, some companies, some decision makers in particular, have known exactly what priceless values they have been sacrificing to continue making unimaginable amounts of money. I think many of you here today belong to that group of people."



The second mass School Strike for Climate event took place on Friday 15th March with an estimated 1.6 million people taking part, at 2000 events in 125 countries across the globe, including thousands in Oxford.

See UK Student Climate Network for more details:
<https://ukscn.org>

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