

#EarthPower

Youth Organizations for a Fossil Free World



Over the past several years, nearly 2 million students in over 150 countries have walked out of their classrooms and into the streets, public spaces, and government buildings to protest the gross inaction regarding climate justice. The climate-strike movement is the most authentic, well-coordinated, and international youth-led movement in history. However, this movement lacks a clear, specific, and actionable request, making it easily dismissable by those in power. If we are going to harness the momentum of this movement to make meaningful progress regarding the climate crisis, we need to let the world know exactly what we want and how we want it achieved.

Our Objectives

The purpose of the #EarthPower campaign is to strengthen our demands and increase the inclusivity of the youth climate movement. We strive to harness the momentum of the youth strike movement, and direct it toward the fossil fuel industry, as 100 fossil fuel companies are responsible for 71% of global carbon emissions. We believe that confronting the fossil fuel industry is central to addressing the root causes of climate change-- colonialism, patriarchy, capitalism, and racism.

End Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Development: Stop the construction of all oil, natural gas, and coal infrastructure. Current fossil fuel plants and oil, gas, and coal under development bring us “well above” 1.5°C of warming, and we cannot afford to add more projects.

Just Transition: We envision a world where entire economies have been reoriented to create future value over present profit, where workers are respected and fairly compensated, and where biodiversity and the environment are preserved for future generations. This means embracing the economic and political changes necessary to shift economies from extractive to regenerative practices while protecting those most impacted by the transition.

Our Method

An Inclusive Movement

Voices from underserved communities and the Global South have largely been excluded from the global strike movement. Striking is a privileged political action. It is unrealistic for members of underserved communities to participate in, and it is illegal or dangerous in many countries in the Global South. Although striking is important and supported by #EarthPower, we also encourage alternative means of action, such as community-building, storytelling, arts-based activism, and social media, to include people without the privilege to engage in western-centric modes of political change. We must weave together the thousands of actions happening around the world in order to show that the youth in every nation is united in fighting for our collective future.

Join the Movement

Communities around the world are fighting back against the injustice of climate inaction and demanding that our rights be respected. Tides are turning and the world is finally beginning to listen. It's time that we make our demands clear.

If your youth organization agrees to ban fossil fuel infrastructure projects, embrace a just transition, and increase inclusivity in actions, we invite you to take a stance through signing on to #EarthPower.