

Press Release from NOCO₂.org - Go Carbon Neutral. Protect Our Planet

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Children show adults the way on climate change

News that children are on school strike for climate on 15 February in the UK and across Europe should make us all think “How can we stop climate change – for the sake of our children?”

It’s urgent that we get climate change under control. Because today, we are on track for over 2C of global warming, which means catastrophic climate change.

Today’s children will be most affected. They are the generation which is going to have to deal with the mess if this all goes wrong – the heat, the crop failures, rising sea levels, flooding of major cities and hundreds of millions thrown into poverty.

This strike is a learning opportunity for children: to learn more about climate change, about what needs to be done to stop it, and about how the Government and the UN are dealing with this.

What can we adults do? Even children understand what must be done. We have to stop our emissions of greenhouse gases. We have to go Carbon Neutral.

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So what is it worth to stop climate change? What am I prepared to do about it?

We are all contributing to climate change. Which is why we launched our campaign **NOCO₂** to make it easy for anyone to take action to stop climate change. See noco2.org

You go Carbon Neutral. Tell your friends and they can go Carbon Neutral too.

We all know that trees remove CO₂. So we plant trees.

What’s new? Plant enough trees and you can remove ALL your CO₂.

Others are offering Carbon Offsets for example for air travel. Now it’s time to take bigger steps. If you can, remove ALL your CO₂ footprint.

The cost is much less than you might expect. With **NOCO₂** the cost is only 17p per day over 3 years. Or £5 per month. Plant as many trees as you can.

For the UK and EU average of around 7 Tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per person per year, we have calculated people need to plant 1,750 trees. For people living in US,

Canada and Australia where average is around 16 Tonnes CO₂ per year, people need us to plant 4,000 trees

With **NOCO₂** the cost for the UK is around 17p per day, for the EU around €0.19 and for the US USD \$51c per day, assuming costs are spread over 3 years.

Where we plant trees is a triple win because this

1. Reduces your CO₂ footprint
2. Creates paid work which transforms the lives of people in extreme poverty
3. Creates healthy forests which support animals and birds

NOTES TO EDITORS

- **NOCO₂** is a global campaign by the international NGO Saving Our Planet, which is registered in France as a public interest non-profit, under Association Loi 1901, Registration Number W751235109. <http://www.savingourplanet.net>
- **NOCO₂** has partnered with Eden Reforestation Projects who plant trees for us in Madagascar, Indonesia and Nepal.
- 500 million hectares of formerly forested land could be re-forested and this could remove around 3.6 billion tonnes of CO₂ per annum. Source: [Woods Hole Research Centre](#). We estimate these 500m hectares should be sufficient to remove the UK and EU average emissions of around 7 Tonnes of CO₂ per person PER YEAR from around 500m people.
- On 8 October 2018, the UN IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued a stark warning that global warming must be kept to a maximum of 1.5C and that this would be much more effective than allowing global warming of 2C. Without urgent action there is a high risk of extreme heat, drought, fires and floods, leading to crop failure, sea level rise and poverty for hundreds of millions of people. To keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5C, the IPCC said the world needs to achieve Net-Zero CO₂ emissions by 2050.
- Global warming is heading for 3.5C according to President Macron speaking in December 2017. This is despite World Leaders committing the agreement to keep global warming “well below 2C” and “to pursue efforts” to limit global warming to 1.5C.
- **NOCO₂** is a volunteer managed non-profit organisation. We set up **NOCO₂** because we felt we must do something to stop climate change from wrecking our planet and all our futures. See www.noco2.org
- The name **NOCO₂** comes from Net-zero CO₂, which is the critical milestone where our CO₂ emissions have been so reduced they can ALL be removed by natural processes of trees, soil and the oceans.

- Do you create more than the average of 7 Tonnes of CO2 per person per year? Then you need to plant more trees. And think about donating for the rest of your family too.
- This is what Greta Thunberg, age 15, said at the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2019:

“Financial success has come with an unthinkable price tag. And on climate change, we have to acknowledge we have failed..... but there is still time to turn everything around. We can still fix this. We still have everything in our own hands

“The main solution, however, is so simple that even a small child can understand it. We have to stop our emissions of greenhouse gases. Either we do that or we don’t.

“Either we prevent 1.5C of warming or we don’t. Either we avoid setting off that irreversible chain reaction beyond human control or we don’t. Either we choose to go on as a civilisation or we don’t.....

“We all have a choice. We can create transformational action that will safeguard the living conditions for future generations. Or we can continue with our business as usual and fail.

“That is up to you and me.”

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