

Briefing:

School Climate Strike



Schools climate strikes 20th & 27th September 2019

Week of action 20th - 27th September 2019

The climate school strikers have ambitious plans for 20-27 September starting and ending with strikes on the 20 and 27. Other activities include assemblies to produce ideas for actions to be presented to Holyrood and teach-ins.

Schools climate strikers have issued a general call for adult to join them in a 'strike' on the Friday 20th September. They state:

To date, young people have led the climate strikes around the world. Now we need adults to join us

too. On September 20, 2019, Fridays for Future, the Youth Climate Strike movements, and all of our international friends and allies call for a global general strike. Mark and add it to your calendar. Workers everywhere, please: we are asking you to join us and walk away from a system that is destroying our planet and will threaten the survival of millions of people, plants, and animals within the next 10, 20, 30 years.

We don't feel like we have a choice: it's been years of talking, countless negotiations, empty deals on climate change and fossil fuel companies being given free rides to drill beneath our soils and burn away our futures for their profit. Politicians and fossil fuel companies have known about climate change for decades. They have willingly handed

over their responsibility for our future to profiteers whose search for quick cash threatens our very existence. This crisis is very real, and it cannot be ignored any longer.

So this is our invitation. Starting on Friday, September 20 we will kickstart a week of climate action with a worldwide strike for the climate. We're asking adults to step up alongside us. There are many different plans under way in different parts of the world for adults to join together and step up and out of your comfort zone for our climate. Let's all join together, with your neighbours, co-workers, friends, family and go out on to the streets to make your voices heard and make this a turning point in our history.

The STUC, affiliates and school climate strikers

The STUC has maintained regular contact with the school climate strikers since they were involved in an STUC organised fringe meeting during Congress 2019. Various affiliates have also developed direct contacts with the group. Edinburgh based school strikers attended the Fife is Ready for Renewal protest outside the EDF offices in Edinburgh and one of them addressed the rally.

STUC affiliated unions have varying approaches

to school climate strikes based on their own policy positions as well as professional considerations for school teaching unions. [TUC Congress in early September will consider its approach to the climate strikes.](#)

The STUC will

- Communicate to affiliated unions the requests for support received from climate school strikers
 - Provide a link between school strikers and those affiliates that wish to support their activities
- 1) The STUC will publish a list on its website of Scottish events organized by school's strikers for affiliates information.
 - 3) The STUC will publicise events organized by unions in support of the strikes
 - 3) The STUC will convey requests from affiliates who wish to invite a school climate strike campaigner to their place of work or branch meeting

Affiliates wishing further information or wishing to offer financial or practical assistance can contact the School Climate Strike Organisers at

<https://www.facebook.com/syclimatestrike/>

