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**[Friends of the Earth local group/Climate Action group name] to join mass resistance this Friday**

The UK Student Climate Network put the call out for as many as possible to join a global general climate strike on Friday - just 3 days before the UN emergency climate summit on 23rd September.

[Friends of the Earth local group/Climate Action group name] has heeded the call and are gearing up to join the youth climate strikers, as well as people all around the world for a massive day of climate action.

[Name of group member] said:

“This will be a really defining moment. We will take to the streets because the age of digging up and burning the earth’s resources has created an ecological emergency. We have to change our ways for a clean future and this is how we are letting the government know that we are on the side of the students.

“They will be affected the most and have the biggest stake so the least we can do is show up for them.”

[Other quotes to include and/or adapt:

“The climate emergency needs all of us to pull together.”

“Real leadership comes through action, it’s why we want the government to stop climate-wrecking plans for more roads, runways and fracking and instead put carbon-cutting at the heart of all government policy.”]

By the end of 2020 Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland, wants commitments on:

* Transport: Invest in brilliant and cheap public transport, cycling and walking everywhere. New petrol and diesel cars shouldn’t even be for sale within the decade.
* Power: Start aiming for 100% clean energy from the wind, sun and sea.  Electricity can’t come from dirty fuels anymore and fracking should be banned.
* Buildings: Fund a massive insulation scheme and shift to eco-friendly heating – this will end the misery of cold, expensive-to-heat homes.
* Agriculture and land use: Double tree cover and let wildlife thrive - our land is too precious to be given over to intensive farming.
* Infrastructure: Start making climate change a deal-breaker in all spending decisions.  That means projects that fuel climate change, like airport expansion, can’t go ahead.
* International justice: It’s time the UK paid its fair share to support more vulnerable countries to cut carbon pollution and deal with the impacts

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**Editor’s notes:**

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