

We, the students of the University of Edinburgh, stand in solidarity with the children going on school climate strike on the 15th of March, and with all those taking a stand for the future of the planet.

Climate change is now apparent in our everyday lives. Last month was the hottest February on record, which saw wildfires across the UK due to a high deficit in soil moisture. Last year was the fourth hottest year on record, adversely affecting crop yields and in turn increasing food prices. Extreme weather has become more frequent, impacting people's lives through flooding, infrastructure damage and its negative effects on human health. Heatwaves sweep our oceans and experts warn biodiversity is on the edge of collapse. Climate change is palpable, and its effects are set to worsen.

Across the world young people have walked out of class to protest the failure of political leaders to effectively mitigate climate change. These children are aware of how unjust climate change and political mass inaction are, but remain hopeful:

“Climate change is already happening. People did die, are dying and will die because of it, but we can and will stop this madness.”

This quote was taken from a powerful letter written by young activists. What these children ask for is that governments begin to take action to combat climate change through policies that correspond with the severity of the situation as it has been repeatedly delineated by the scientific community. As their letter states: “we finally need to treat the climate crisis as a crisis.”

Climate change has the ability to cause harm to the most vulnerable people in *every* society: the elderly, the poor, the marginalised and, most drastically, children. Children are more vulnerable to the water-shortages, diseases, and malnutrition (among other factors) that dangerous climate change will bring. Therefore, it is no wonder these young activists are taking a brave stand – they are the most vulnerable as a result of government inaction now *and* in the future.

A spokesman from Downing Street has highlighted how myopic and out of touch the government really is; in his response to the youth-led climate strikes, he stated that the protests

are “disruptions [that] increases teachers’ workloads and wastes lesson time.” These children are looking to the future, trying to limit the adverse effects of the greatest issue facing humankind – and, yet, our government can only look to the lesson schedules of next week.

We support the drastic actions that these children are taking, believing that they are necessary in the face of global mass inaction on the part of governments, and, as a result of the severity of the climate crisis. We are inspired by the courageous actions of these children and respect their commitment to protecting their future and our planet.

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