

# Canary Craftivism: A climate campaign for crafters

*You don't need to scale buildings, march for miles, or get arrested to be an activist or make a difference. Join us in a gentle act of expressing our concern for our planet, encouraging decision-makers to act, and spending some time in careful, craftful reflection.*

**What:** We will be creating handmade canaries using various methods (see below). We will then send these little birds to key decision-makers in Europe and Belgium participating in the upcoming COP26. The canaries will carry a gentle protest letter that helps the recipient feel encouraged (not defensive), think more deeply and take faster and bolder action on global warming.

**Why canaries?** Canaries need clean air to be able to fly and used to accompany coal miners into the mines to give warning signals when the air was too toxic. Just as canaries were effective at kindly warning miners of harm, we can be signalling to our leaders that they need to do more before it's too late. Canaries are a great small, friendly and non-threatening symbol of how all living creatures and the natural world can fulfil our potential and flourish if we have a cleaner and greener planet.

**Who:** Anyone who is concerned about the situation our planet is in, wants to do something about it, and has some (even basic) craft skills.

**When & Where:** You're welcome to do this anytime on your own, but we'd love to enjoy a bit of community now that we can, and will gather on **Saturday, 2 October, from 14:00-17:00** in the Walker Hall at [Holy Trinity Brussels](#), to do some crafting together. Bring your partially crafted canaries along or bring materials and we'll start together.

## Craft Patterns & Inspiration

- [Knitted canary pattern](#)
- [Crochet canary pattern 1](#)
- [Crochet canary pattern 2](#)
- [Upcycled fabric & sewn canary](#)
- [Felt sewn canary pattern](#)
- [Cross-stitch canary pattern](#)
- [Origami canary](#)
- [Sewn paper bird](#)
- [Birds from old socks](#)
- [Wire & rubbish bird idea](#)
- [Cardboard birds](#)
- [Simple paper birds](#)
- [Simple yarn-wrapped cardboard bird](#)
- [Simple cute rocking paper bird](#)
- [Easy pom pom birds](#)
- Your own creative ideas....



You can read more [here](#) for more background and the origin of the Canary Craftivism idea.

(Photo, text credit & inspiration from the [Craftivist Collective](#))

You can see an example letter and some guidance [here](#) (which can be adapted for BE/EU). We'll keep contact to share sample messages and coordinate canary dispatch.

**Questions? Want to join in?** Get in touch - Christian Climate Action Belgium [ccabelgium@protonmail.com](mailto:ccabelgium@protonmail.com)