XR Families Invitation letter (shorter bookmark text below)

Dear Fellow Parents,

We are a group of families, driven by a deep concern about the climate crisis. We are compelled to take action for the future of our children, and for all of the Earth's children.

No longer can we stand to read articles about melting glaciers, extinction of species, raging forest fires, missed government targets and global inaction. We will not be bystanders, watching the world fall apart, knowing that there is still time to create a different future, a new tomorrow.

Our world is not in a good way: recent years have seen the greatest rise in Co2 emissions in human history. The UK government's own Climate Change Committee reported in June that we are failing to meet our Paris Agreement targets. We are currently on a trajectory for 4 degrees of global warming, temperatures last reached several million years ago before humans even existed.

That amount of warming could result in billions of deaths, with racially marginalised communities, and those in the Global South on the front line.
World powers know what is happening, and yet they continue with the destruction. If we accept 4 degrees of warming, that is to accept a genocide of Global South nations.

But there is still hope. We have all of the solutions within our grasp. Our leaders could make changes today that could take us down a different path. These changes could lead us into a future that is not only greener and cleaner; but more equal as well.

When we watch the news, we see so much that is wrong with the world. Inequality and injustice everywhere. But the solutions that are being proposed to solve the climate crisis can tackle inequality as well. Imagine an army of workers rebuilding our economy in a way that prioritises the health and wellbeing of our communities.

As we speak, our leaders are making decisions that will shape the course of human history, but so far they have chosen not to prioritise people and planet. We have a unique opportunity to make a better world. Our leaders are wasting it. We cannot accept this.

We look at our children and wonder what the future holds for them. We need to act for their sake. We want our children to look back at this time, and know that we did everything we could. That we fought for them while there was still time to make a change.

As we kiss our kids goodnight (maybe cuddled up with a koala or polar bear toy) we know that simply loving them is not enough. If we are not fighting for them now with all that we have, then we will have failed them.

Our fight is just beginning. We would love to have you with us on this crucial journey! Stand up, take part, join in.

Please share this letter with your friends, family, community, other organisations.

The next rebellion begins on August 28th. Stand with us.

Love & courage, on behalf of XR Families

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XR Families bookmark text

We are a group of families who support Extinction Rebellion, a global movement demanding governments act to address the climate crisis.

We are the first generation to be raising our children in the midst of climate breakdown, with the knowledge that they will be growing up in a world very different from the one we have known. This truth is painful and frightening. It takes courage to face, but only in the light of this knowledge can we raise our children to have resilience, to be empowered to drive change and a new way of living, and for us to do what we can to protect their future.

This is not easy, and we need each other now more than ever, which is why we are building a community of families who are living with this knowledge. A place where we can support each other whilst we raise our children in these challenging times.

We started in the build-up to the first rebellion in April where we created a family haven in Marble Arch and supported all other sites with materials and resources to be

family-friendly. We wanted to enable families to come to the rebellion and feel safe, welcome and able to participate.

After the rebellion, we consolidated our community through social media and the creation of local groups. We now have local groups all over the UK, as well as in Australia, Germany, Italy, US and more.

We have created family-friendly spaces during the summer uprisings and the October Rebellion. We have run a program of children's peoples assemblies and have aimed to provide children with a platform to express their thoughts and feelings about the current crisis in a meaningful way and be heard.

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