



Fridays for Future Core Values

Summary

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2. FFF is founded on facts, not politics and is non-partisan.
3. FFF is committed to solidarity with front-line communities.
4. FFF is decentralized and non-hierarchical and mitigate for power.
5. FFF welcomes everyone. All are needed.
6. FFF does not tolerate discrimination, bullying, or harassment.
7. FFF encourages regular, persistent public action.
8. FFF builds collaborative partnerships/relationships.
9. FFF prioritizes local participation.
10. FFF uses awareness and regenerative culture.
11. FFF does not blame and shame.

1. FFF is a grassroots climate movement that unites behind the science.

The scientific consensus on climate change states that we only have until the end of the decade to reduce our carbon emissions by 45% in order to have a 50% chance of limiting average global temperature rise to 1.5C. We encourage everyone to #UniteBehindTheScience and use the scientific consensus on climate change as a basis for decision making. Our goal is to raise awareness of the climate crisis through public action and to build a grassroots movement so large that those in power will have no choice but to follow our demands. As a collaborative collective community discussion and consensus are used for decision making.

2. FFF is founded on facts not politics and is non-partisan.

FFF is united by the integrity of science requiring urgent action to end climate breakdown. We are not affiliated with any political party and do not endorse any politicians, political candidates, or legislation. All political parties need to do more, and none are doing enough.

3. FFF is committed to solidarity with front-line communities.

FFF actively works to ensure many voices of marginalised and front-line people are heard. These voices are usually missing from our societal climate debates. They are particularly important to include because they are often currently or more likely to be disproportionately impacted; have contributed less to the causes; may lack the right to vote or face unjust barriers; and often represent communities that have demonstrated abilities to maintain sustainable, resilient cultures. All youth and young people are considered front line and are recognized as having the moral authority to challenge leadership and society. Therefore, the young are often the public face. With media systems preferring to highlight individuals, youth may be presumed to lead the movement, whereas the movement depends on the skills and dedication of many, diverse volunteers participating as equals.

4. FFF is decentralized, non-hierarchical and mitigates for power.

Our strength is in our local groups and in the hands of our local activists and organizers. Local groups have full autonomy in decision making. National FFF groups can not make decisions on behalf of local groups or tell them what to do or what not to do. As a volunteer movement, volunteers internally align and organise rather than appointed leaders. Decisions at broader levels are intended to reflect the aggregate opinions of geographically-focused or specialized groups to the extent possible. Broader decisions are offered as guidance/recommendations, respecting the autonomy of more specific groups. Within the national, state, and local groups, there can be no structural hierarchy. We shall do our best to maintain a flat structure. Everyone's decisions are equally valued and equally important. There are no 'official' titles, everyone who #Climatestrikes may themselves choose to be 'active in FFF'. We collectively create the structures we need to challenge power. Anyone who follows these core principles and values can take action in the name of FFF. People do what they can, and by working within the community build their networks and trust.

Broader administration offers tools, services, and resources to aid community building and promote participation. Use of these assets is entirely voluntary.

5. FFF welcomes everyone. All are needed

FFF supports the action of everyone who #UnitesBehindTheScience of climate breakdown. Involvement in local or broader community groups and forums is encouraged to foster collaboration and reduce isolation but is entirely voluntary. Anyone who supports these values and adheres to applicable codes of conduct, regardless of age, gender, race, social-economics, or identity, is welcome to participate in the national community. No application process will be employed, and local groups are encouraged to use a similar approach. This means that FFF is intergenerational and welcomes people from all backgrounds and cultures.

6. FFF does not tolerate discrimination, bullying, or harassment.

FFF is committed to working against discrimination (negative selection based on e.g. race, religion, sex or age) and breaking down the systems of oppression inherent in ourselves and our community to create a productive space for all to work and participate in FFF. Similarly, FFF does not tolerate harassment or bullying: deliberate effort to harm, intimidate, or coerce individuals or groups seen as vulnerable.

7. FFF encourages regular, persistent public action.

FFF encourages any public, non-violent action that raises awareness of the climate crisis. This may include physical striking, silent striking, digital striking, wearing/distributing green ribbons, leafleting, etc. It is important to participate in and promote regular (e.g., weekly, monthly) and persistence action to inspire mass public support for systemic change on the climate crisis.

8. FFF builds collaborative partnerships/relationships.

Creating collaborative partnerships with other movements and organizations is key to promote the success of the movement, enabling knowledge transfer and identifying climate breakdown as an issue of utmost urgency in society. FFF is a collaborative movement that seeks to complement, not duplicate, the work of other groups and organizations. We respect and encourage different approaches and techniques designed to achieve a just, sustainable future.

9. FFF prioritizes local participation.

FFF believes every participant is equally representative of the sincere, genuine interests of the movement for a just, sustainable future. Local participation in media opportunities, speaking engagements, and other

events is always favored. Extending these opportunities also strengthens and expands community cohesion, integrity, and trust. As such, FFF discourages flying to save the planet. If a local person or alternate means of transportation is not available, it is often better to forgo the opportunity.

10. FFF uses awareness and regenerative culture.

FFF believes creating a culture which is healthy, resilient and adaptable, is the best technique to remove ourselves from the toxic system which has led to #ClimateBreakdown.

11. FFF does not blame and shame.

FFF believes we all live in a toxic system, but no one individual is to blame. We appreciate any level of effort in support of our values. We avoid judgement but approach other opinions and viewpoints with compassionate curiosity. An open mind and willingness to learn expands our own perspective and advances the movement as a whole.

Definitions:

Public action: any action that has the potential to be seen, experienced, and influence others. These include, but are not limited to: in-person, digital, silent striking; daily 11:58 AM phone alarms; ribbon distribution; assemblies;...

Reference:

Lausanne Agreement: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nu8i3BoX7jrdZVeKPQShRycI8j6hvwC0/view>

FFF Schools/Cities for Future Proposal:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13b6t41ko3RZXFoyAZ_3d1RuuWXI8_IV3/view?usp=sharing

Working Document on FFF:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sHNOJLh2ZiTtJax947PEsagSivVnJPuE/view?usp=sharing>

XR Principles and Values

<https://extinctionrebellion.us/principles>