

By2020 conference

Session 6: Start shaping the wave

WorldCafé, Table 1: Common narrative for the wave

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Initial proposal: A story for the autumn

2020 has made everyone think about what is essential... how we need to care for people, for society and for the planet that sustains us. Crisis is all around us: health, the economy, colonialism, structural discriminations of all kinds, injustice and inequality, ecological collapse... And these crises are interconnected.

This autumn, the Climate Justice movement in Europe will face these challenges by taking 3 steps. First by taking direct action, based on local realities, to block politics and companies of mass destruction during the Climate Care Uprising. Then we recognize the interconnectedness of our struggles and during the Justice Moment escalate our support to other social justice movements and building those relationships. Finally we commit to continuing our struggle by bringing our groups together and signing the Glasgow agreement setting us up to continue our struggle with increased momentum in 2021.

<https://by2020weriseup.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Autumn-Wave-Proposal-By2020WeRiseUp.pdf>

What works?

- Clear indication and starting point for the movement and groups to work intersectionally
- We all agree that we need intersectionality and more urgently than ever!
- Relating the climate to other crises => talking about just transition and care

What is missing? / What doesn't work?

- is missing demands, and focus. Too broad
 - counterpoint: a narrative isn't supposed to be specific :) it's a story-thread
- we need to offer urgent and clear solutions (to offer a counterargument to the far right)
- we need to make clear WHY and HOW intersectional struggles are connected
 - solution: Care (for nature and each other) => already part of the Climate Care Uprising narrative

Major concerns

- Sinan: There probably is a major systemic crisis (at least economically, quite possibly politically): the major players with transformative solutions are the Climate Justice Movement and the Far Right. We (Climate Justice Movement) need to start building an intersectional platform
 - Xenia: anti-facism is absolutely crucial and should be part of all of our work. We shouldn't get too abstract, we need to be specific!
 - Dohle: attention point: getting back to the main topic of this room. Agree there is a major crisis and the existing institutions do not respond adequately to the crises. We need another way out other than the far right, but I think we have different strategies and tactics as a movement. We're strongest as an ecosystem.

- Sinan: the second moment should be the overarching goal not just a middle-section of an autumn-choreography. intersectionality shouldn't be compartmentalised
- the intersectionality and connectedness of all JusticeS should be overarching in the complete climate narrative and not just a single focus point in wave 2
- **We need to ask ourselves: would it be sufficient to include possibly small and first steps in the narrative? Or would it be more sense to frame it as an overarching goal, philosophical aim?**
 - **It's not necessarily either/or, we could try to do both! => do we put an emphasis on one? how do we frame it?**
 - (for example Sunrise movement has a broader vision and concrete steps that relate to people)