

A wave for the autumn

Proposal based on what was discussed since March 2020 by groups & individuals having taken part in European calls organized by the By2020WeRiseUp platform. This is not an official call-out, but a framing proposal, to try to support each other's mobilizations and actions and increase impact.

A CHOREOGRAPHY OF ACTIONS FOR THE **AUTUMN WAVE**

3 MOMENTS BUILDING ON EACH OTHER
as a potential common framework leading from escalations to the Glasgow Agreement.



Proposal for a choreography

A choreography? 3 moments in the autumn as a potential common framework leading from escalations to the Glasgow Agreement.

1. Climate Care Uprising: We desperately need to heal ecologies, societies, bodies, public services and economies. To achieve that, we need to come together as a community and take direct action, based on local realities, to block politics and companies of mass destruction.

Time frame: 2 weeks, starting end of September.

Tactics: the whole range of direct action ideas! <https://by2020weriseup.net/ideas-for-actions/> or https://by2020weriseup.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/By2020_Tactics_Toolkit.pdf

Audience: activist groups (for empowerment), other groups (to show determination & support through messaging or targets), governments & companies, media

2. JusticeS: Radical Justice & Solidarity moment to say and show that racial, social, climate justices are one and the same by supporting one another

Time frame: after the Rise Up moment. Spanning September and October (?)

Levels of Escalation: (Depending on local context)

1. *Show up in Support:* Begin building relationships with other social justice movements by showing up in support of their actions, offer to do supporting work and amplify - being mindful not to appropriate their moments.
2. *Intersectional Demands:* Work together with another social justice group to find common demands that connect the work you are both doing and push it publicly
3. *Coalition:* Build broad-base coalitions with a variety of social justice groups to push back against the connected crisis that we face with a positive vision of the future.

Audience: other groups (taking action with them), general public (awareness + support), committed/ politically aware citizens, media, governments (pressure)

Messaging: E.g Until all are free, no one is free, My body, my choice, BlackLivesMatter, Don't burn my future, My future, my voice, Stop exploitation, Stop capitalism, Governments have failed us, Green jobs for future, There are no jobs on a dead planet, Bailout the planet, Bailout the people

3. People's Climate Commitment: groups come together and sign the Glasgow Agreement in a commitment to reduce emissions by their own actions if governments won't do it.

Time frame: around the date of the Glasgow Agreement signature (mid-November)

Tactics: groups gather (regionally or locally) in the run-up to the Glasgow Agreement and for its signature

Audience: media, committed/ politically-aware citizens, our own movements, other groups

Messaging: We are reclaiming democracy, We organize our own spaces, We personally commit to reducing emissions and enabling a just society through our actions

Overall messaging

EnoughIsEnough

No plan(et) B: Block Business as usual, Block the Blockers

Governments are failing people but people are not failing people

50 years of crisis is not a crisis, it's a system

One system, manifold exploitation

Same oppressors, same solutions

Anti-capitalism

Name and shame

Targets

Financial targets (banks, state policies, financial institutions)

Environmental targets

Corona-related unfair bailouts and their beneficiaries

Companies destroying people's lives, jobs, dignity

Companies destroying the environment

Objectives

(not all objectives are to be achieved – this is a list of possibilities to help think strategically about what makes sense depending on the context & target)

• Inclusivity

Create forms and spaces of escalations that are not exclusively disruptive in a confrontational way. Allow the coexistence of different opinions and levels of radicality, while fighting for the same goal

• Intersectionality and JusticeS

Practice intersectionality in targets & actions Intersectional messaging promoting other groups' solutions such as: bail out healthcare/ housing, end exploitation/patriarchy, bring colonial fossils and statues down Offer support to other groups, listen to how climate justice movements can be useful to others

• Escalation

Disrupting business as usual around the same time frame in order to increase impact Reclaiming democracy, tie the momentum to the Glasgow agreement Visibility is power: common hashtags (eg: #EnoughIsEnough) + visual actions + media work to occupy mediatic space

• Empowerment

Giving groups a framework so that activists can understand how they play a role Feeling of power and achievement Learning from one another and acting together Including solutions + radical solidarity Reinforce one another by taking turns in acting

Proposed Amendments

Proposed amendments coming as input to the conference to be discussed at the conference - not developed through the autumn working group.

Proposal: A story for the autumn

Insert the following at the beginning of the autumn wave framework:

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 JusticeS 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.
