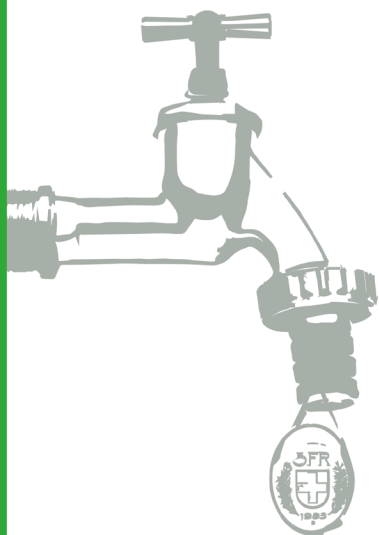




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Stop financing climate breakdown



Climate Crisis and Environmental Destruction Are Worsening

The time we have left to stop climate change is running out. The most recent report of the IPCC sets the deadline at eleven years, during which we can still achieve the 1.5° Celsius goal that is essential for the survival of millions of people. Unfortunately, despite this urgency, neither politicians nor economists are presenting us with real solutions. In fact, our profit-driven economic system and our current climate policy are preventing a climate-friendly future. The necessary, radical solutions must begin at once.

The Financial Centre of Switzerland Is Funding the Climate Catastrophe and Readily Accepts Human Rights Violations

The Paris Agreement demands that the participating states agree to explicitly climate-friendly financial centres. Despite this agreement, Swiss financial institutions globally invest billions in projects and corporations that are inhumane and environmentally harmful. Due to this ruthless approach, these financial institutions are responsible for 20x more greenhouse-gas-emissions than Switzerland as a country. The greed of the financial centre has us speeding toward a global warming of 4° to 6° Celsius. Credit Suisse and UBS both play an especially detrimental role in this destructive development. Since the Paris Agreement, both banks have invested an incredible 12.3 billion US-dollars in fossil fuels. Credit Suisse and UBS are among the leading investors of the energy corporation RWE, the largest cause of CO₂-emissions in Europe. They are involved in companies such as Enbridge, Kinder Morgan, Transcanda and Energy Transfer Partners. These energy corporations are planning and building the controversial oil-pipelines Line 3, Trans Mountain, Keystone XL, Dakota Access and Bayou Bridge in North America. Not only do these projects harm the environment, they also violate the human rights of native peoples. Furthermore, both banks invest hundreds of millions in Glencore, a coal-mining and commodity-trading corporation that has been connected to violent evictions, a disregard for workplace rights, corruption and environmental destruction. This list of dirty business is a long one. Climate protection on the basis of social justice, as the Paris Agreement demands, looks different.

System Change Not Climate Change

It is easy to name those mainly responsible for the climate catastrophe: oil, gas and coal companies; multinational agricultural chemistry corporations; commodity traders; airlines; the investors and profiteers of said corporations; and, of course, the current political climate that not only puts the profits of the few before the welfare of the many, but acts too slowly with regards to our climate crisis. To stop a climate catastrophe, we need profound changes in both economic and political power structures.

A Question of Global Solidarity

Those most affected by the consequences of climate change are those that have contributed the least to global warming and gained the least from its profits: peo-

ple in the Global South, indigenous peoples, women, those that are socially and economically disadvantaged and future generations. Thus, measures for climate protection must be combined with questions of social distribution and social justice, as well as opportunities for self-determination. It is time to take responsibility!

From the Climate Games Basel to Collective Climate Justice

The Collective Climate Justice (formerly known as Climate Games Basel) is made up of people from different backgrounds that take a stand for a self-determined change towards a climate-friendly world. From our point of view, governments and profit-driven corporations are neither willing nor capable of stopping the climate catastrophe and the large-scale destruction of the environment. Hence, we consider ourselves a part of the global fight for justice, solidarity and sustainability. Our events aim to empower people and to show alternatives to global, fossil capitalism.

Climate Camp - Networking, Education, Alternatives and the Good Life

Climate Camp will take place from the 2nd to 11th of July and aims to find alternatives to our environmentally harmful and socially unfair economic and societal systems. We want to experience, learn, develop and debate together. There will be presentations and workshops, but there will also be plenty of opportunities to offer one's own knowledge. Furthermore, there will be enough time and space to form affinity groups and, together, prepare for the days of action. The camp is a self-administered place of togetherness. Shortly before the start of the camp, its exact location and program will be published on our website.

Days of Action - For a Climate-Friendly Future!

In the face of the climate catastrophe, we consider acts of civil disobedience a legitimate tool to draw attention to the urgency of a system change and to take the matter of a climate-friendly future into our own hands! This is why an announced act of civil disobedience will take place on the days of action on the 8th and 9th of July 2019. Said act will take place at two hot-spots of Swiss financial centres. In tandem with independent small-group-actions, we will stand for climate justice together. We reject all violence and any endangerment of living beings. Therefore, we neither plan to escalate nor will we let ourselves be provoked into violent action. Let's turn off their money faucet!

Everybody is welcome at the days of action! It doesn't matter whether you've already participated at a similar action or whether you're new – to be well-prepared, you should be at the camp on Sunday noon (7th July) to participate at the action plenum and receive last-minute information. The camp itself offers more information on Swiss financial centres, various trainings, advice on legal questions and the opportunity to find your own affinity group. And if you want to plan your own small-group-action, you're in the right place at Climate Camp.

climate camp program:

2-11
july

- action training and preparation
- Exchange and networking
- lectures and workshops
- tent camp
- families are affectionately welcome
- The exact place will be announced promptly at climatejustice.ch
- all informations at the action-plemum on the 7.7. at 12:00h

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