

Good practices in Hungary

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Title: Friday for Future Hungary
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Good practice for: Promote sustainability, sensitisation, awareness raising, building network, volunteering

Description: Fridays for Future is an international movement, gathering youth from all over the World in order to draw the attention to climate change and demanding governments to take action to protect nature and to stop exploitation of the environment.

The Hungarian Fridays for Future movement was organized by a few university students, for whom the protection of the environment is crucial. As young people, they care about their future, and determined to act on the level of individuals in order to achieve real change. In February, 2019 they joined the unprecedented international youth collaboration started by Greta Thunberg and her colleagues, the worldwide student demonstrations (Fridays for the Future) movement, so the voice of Hungarian young people could also be heard. Their aim is to have the Paris Convention and the UN IPCC Report recognised and regarded as basis of any action of every decision-makers all around the world, and that the pursuit of economic growth should not override the requirements and aims of these abovementioned documents and jeopardise the future of young generations. They unite under the flag of science demanding climate justice, to keep global warming under 1,5 C degree.

Since the announcement of their first event, they contacted several organizations and received some professional assistance, as well as help to spread the movement's reputation. There is no other organization or political party behind the movement.

They demand that the current leaders of Hungary take note of the climate crisis and make responsible decisions accordingly. In addition, they would like to draw everyone's attention to the fact that we can only alleviate this complex problem that threatens us all - climate change and the ecological crisis - together by changing our lifestyles and consumer habits. The seriousness of the problem is still recognised by too few, spreading information is the task of those who already see the signs and realise the consequences of the right actions. Their aim is to inform people by sharing authentic information on social media. The future of today's young people depends, without exaggeration, on how seriously the world takes the environmental crisis in this critical period, the next 10 years. In order to have their voice heard, they organize peaceful demonstrations, distinctly without any sort of violence. They also facilitating debates, encouraging people to join different events to protect their environment locally, sharing knowledge and raising awareness in important environmental topics.