

Invitations to a diverse range of activities – Scientists4Future-Twente Newsletter March 2021

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Dear supporter of Scientists4Future-Twente,

We are **excited** to see many of you already actively involved in developing a **diverse range of activities**. All of the events or groups mentioned below welcome new people joining in – if you have not received a meeting link, please contact us and we will be happy to email you further details.

Fireside Chats (focus group): Our second Fireside Chat – ‘informal conversations with concerned fellow scientists’ – will be (online) on **Monday 15 March 20:30-22:00**. Everybody is welcome to join. A few topics for discussion have been suggested:

- *What can a person do in their daily life when it comes to the topic of sustainability and the climate crisis?*
- *How to make an impact?*
- *How to motivate people?*
- *How to communicate the scientific approach to the general public? (especially to a public that has no trust in science, or has its own "science")*

Please feel free to suggest a topic for a future Fireside Chat.

Media (focus group): In the Media group we are interested in writing articles for newspapers, discussing and reacting to pieces in the media, and possibly joining forces with <https://klimaathelpdesk.org> – a joint project by S4F-NL and the *Utrecht Young Academy*. There is a first (online) brainstorm meeting on Wednesday **10 March 20:00-21:30** – everybody is welcome to join.

Policy (focus group): The Policy group convened and had an immediate first task in dealing with a request by some members of the Enschede City Council to help support discussions with the different parties in the council that are ‘less enthusiastic’ about climate crisis measures. A few members of the Policy group are having regular discussions now with these local politicians. Together they are preparing a City Council meeting in which the council members will be briefed with science-based information regarding the urgency of local policy measures and the need to move forward on climate and environmental action. Other possible activities related to policymakers have been discussed, and the next general (online) meeting of the Policy group will be on Wednesday **17 March 19:30-21:00** – everybody is welcome to join.

Schools (focus group): In the Schools group we are planning to give guest lectures at high schools, to work on a workshop/card game for schools, and to potentially collaborate with Pre-U. S4F-NL has already developed educational resources for such activities that we could work with. There is a first (online) brainstorm meeting this Thursday **18 March 20:00-21:30** – everybody is welcome to join.

Behavioral Change (focus group): This group is still exploring ideas for potential activities. For example, topics around persuasion tools or the effectiveness of education and awareness campaigns for behavioral change may be discussed. A first (online) meeting will be planned after the upcoming **Fireside Chat** related to this topic, on Monday **15 March 20:30-22:00** (see above). If you are interested, please share what is on your mind and what would you like (us) to do.

Public Lectures (focus group): The Public Lectures group has discussed its aims to organize various lectures and set up a calendar with events involving interesting speakers. The group can also be consulted to help find background information on lecture topics and provide resources for further discussion and engagement.

Briefing by Maarten van Aalst: Maarten van Aalst, professor of Climate and Disaster Resilience at the UT and Coordinating Lead Author for the IPCC, recently spent an evening briefing a large group of us about the current state of the climate emergency. Maarten's slides and a video of his presentation will be made available soon.

From S4F-NL – regarding ABP: The national organization, Scientists4Future-Netherlands, has launched a 1-minute survey to explore the opinions of university students and staff's views regarding the ABP pension fund investments in fossil fuels. Please consider filling it in and sharing it in your network.": <https://survey.scientists4future.nl/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=289619>

Nationwide Climate Alarm this Sunday 14 March 14:00 : In case that you decide to join the nationwide (Corona-proof, mask etc. mandatory) Climate Alarm this coming **Sunday** (either in your city or online) – and you find yourself, after Sunday, wanting to do something for more impact, please consider joining one of the many S4F-Twente activities mentioned in this newsletter!

- Climate Alarm in your city: <https://klimaatmars2021.nl/english/>
- Climate Alarm online: <https://klimaatmars2021.nl/organisaties/klimaat-online/>

Scientists4Future-Twente on University TV: The latest episode of the University of Twente's **Campus Talks** features three supporters of S4F-Twente – Wieteke Willemsen, Erik Kemp and Yuri Engelhardt – discussing the human impact on nature, climate literacy, dealing with misinformation, the role of scientists in society, and **Scientists4Future-Twente – see the video here**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LR9ydWnIOZg&t=826s>

We need your help: S4F-Twente has a lot of momentum now, and we are thus actively seeking more help with organizing our diverse range of activities (new ideas are always welcome, as well as existing initiatives that we can collaborate with) – please do consider contacting us if you have any time/energy to contribute! You are also very welcome to refer others, who might be interested, to S4F-Twente, or forward this newsletter.

Contact / chat with us: Feel free to let us know whether you would like to have a chat with one of us, to get to know each other better. Contact us either by simply replying to this email (no worries – replies will not be sent to the whole list, but only to the S4F-Twente organizers), or by emailing: twente@scientists4future.nl

Greetings, the newsletter team

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Upcoming activities – everybody is welcome (contact us for details):

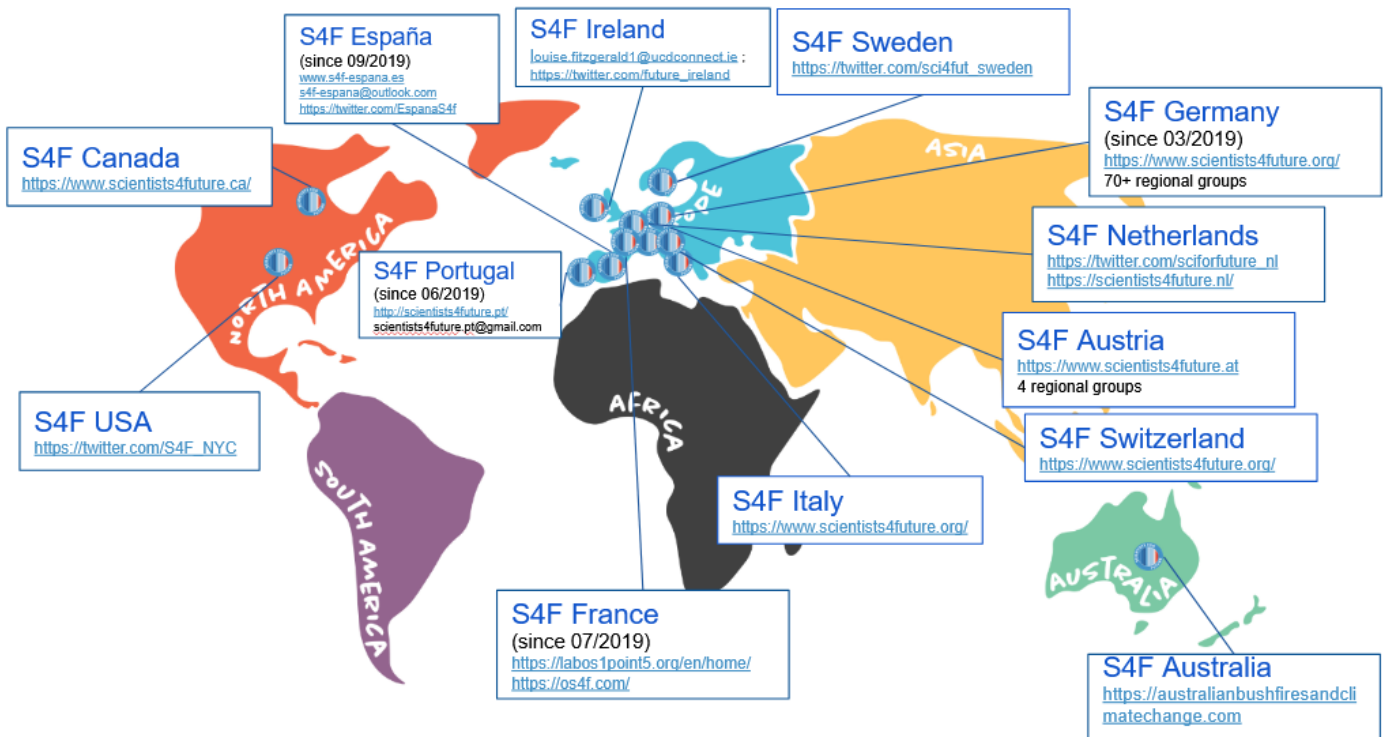
Wed **10** March 20:00-21:30 – **Media** group meeting (online)

Sun **14** March 14:00 – **Climate Alarm** (either in your city or online)

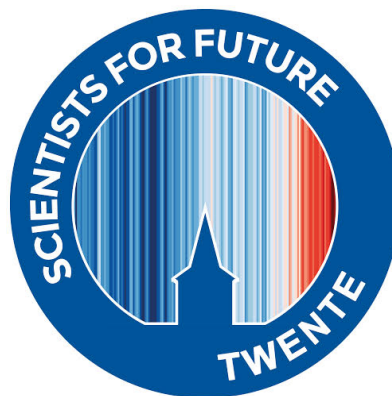
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