



YOUTH MANIFESTO FOR GLOBAL OBJECTIVE 13: ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE SOFIA, JANUARY 11TH, 2021

“THERE ARE NO
PASSENGERS ON SPACESHIP
EARTH.
WE ARE ALL CREW.”

1. Introduction:

We, the young people of Sofia, Bulgaria, want our voices to be heard. Climate change and the loss of biodiversity are a great danger to our world. Mankind continues to consume large amounts of non-renewable resources and is putting at risk the future of the next generations. Nowadays there is absolutely no question that people are causing global warming and that the catastrophic consequences of the neglect of humanity regarding the issue are able to be seen with the naked eye. The capacity of these matters is so critical at this point, that only if we all united and tried to figure out a way to find maintainable alternatives to all of these issues we could maybe save our planet. Sustainable development needs all of us to be engaged. When we had a discussion with local authorities, teachers and non-governmental organizations, we all thought of ways so that everyone could be a part of this much needed change. We, therefore, the voices of the future, ask that the following proposals be taken into account.

2. Recommendations and suggestions

Transport:

Aviation and transport are a major source of greenhouse gases, air pollution and noise. This needs to change.

We suggest:

1. Raising awareness among citizens on the degree of risk related to air pollution caused by carbon dioxide.
2. More usage of the public transport and green transport such as electrical cars.
3. Accessible bikes for people of all ages and statuses.
4. Sharing rides between colleagues that live in the same neighborhoods and work near one another.

We need to be given optimal conditions for the use of public transport and bicycles

Waste management:

In Bulgaria a big part of the pollution around the land is caused by poor waste management.

So we suggest the following things:

1. Organized and reliable recycling systems of all kind at local and national level.
2. Continuing the organization of Campaign "Clean Bulgaria for one day", but instead of it being a yearly event, we'll make it monthly or even weekly.
3. We request the creation of more recycling stations.
4. Education in school and working spaces about the importance of recycling.



Say NO to GMO:

We are consistent in opposing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in food and agriculture. We support the movement of GMO-free Europe.

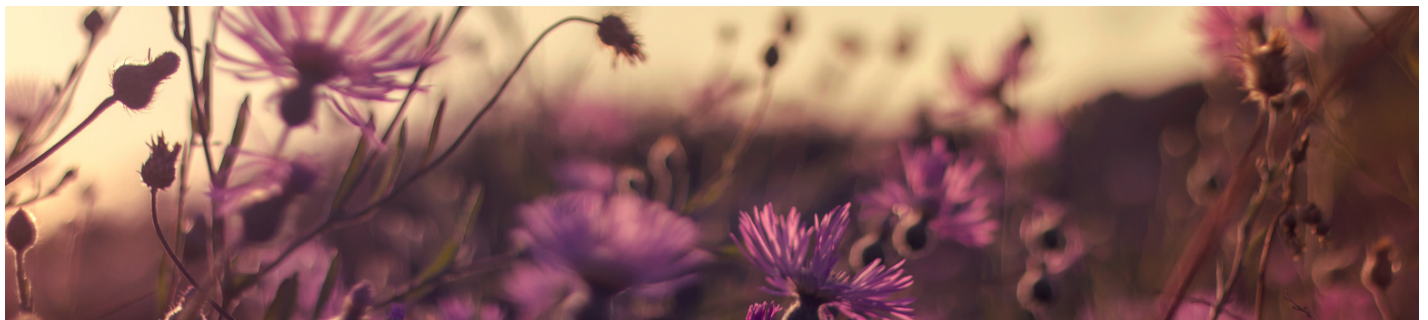
We suggest:

1. Education people about the dangerous of GMO.
2. Buying more local produce.



Ways to preserve BIODIVERSITY:

- 1. We call for action to be taken against illegal fishing, especially on rare species of fish.**
- 2. We call for action against illegal hunting on all animals without a certificate.**
- 3. Help save the bees by planting nectar-producing wild flowers.**
- 4. Biodiversity depends on the abundance of local fresh water. By taking a five minute shower or turning off the water while washing the dishes or your teeth you can easily help conserve water.**
- 5. Protect natural habitats. Human impact in the earth can have a devastating impact on biodiversity. By simply not stepping through flowers or crops you can protect what's growing there and therefore biodiversity.**
- 6. Educate yourself and those around you**





**COMMITMENTS
WE, THE YOUNG
PEOPLE OF SOFIA,
COMMIT TO:**

- 1. Speaking up about the issues above**
- 2. Helping people understand how important the usage of renewable energy is.**
- 3. Actually eating the food we buy.**
- 4. Using public transport and bicycles more often.**
- 5. Using water responsibly.**
- 6. Investing in energy-efficient appliances.**
- 7. Recycling.**
- 8. Buying more things from zero-waste shops.**
- 9. Pulling the plugs before going out.**



Conclusion:

We must become more aware about global warming and the ecological crisis surrounding us. Climate change already has caused damage all around the world .A lot of people have had to leave their homes and land and become climate refugees because of their land turning into deserts and many other reasons like soil erosion, acidic rain and rising sea levels. We want to see effective measures being taken against climate change.

We urgently ask the people interested in our cause to take seriously our recommendations .We believe that we have the right to work for our future, because it belong to us, but we need everyone’s cooperation to do that.

We are truly committed to promoting this manifesto in order to raise awareness and seek commitment in strengthening our voices in Europe.

Our goals have been approved by the following local authorities, taking part in the creation of this manifesto Walk the Global Walk.:

School authorities

Education Department of Sofia Municipality

Sport and Youth activities Department of Sofia Municipality