

OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S CLIMATE. NEWSLETTER NO.2 August 2025

Our aim is to help seniors/elders

1. Receive relevant information about climate change,
2. Join in lobbying powerful public and private bodies to bring about change in policies and practices relating to climate collapse, and
3. Work with other similar existing environmental groups, in the UK and abroad.

We make no charges, but are grateful for any donations.



Recent action in numbers: On 9th

July, 12 OGC friends joined 5 000 others from 130 organizations to lobby 500 MPs

at Westminster. The event was organized by The Climate Coalition with a focus on climate and nature initiatives, including the Climate and Nature Bill. What were Others doing that day? OGC's interests overlap with many other interest and campaigning groups. The **National Pensioners' Convention** had a stall at the

recent Mass Lobby of MPs in Westminster. Here's what they said: "NPC members care passionately about the world that our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will inherit. We want a greener, healthier, and safer future for our families, and totally support the aims of The Climate Coalition Mass Lobby". They even have their own wrist band!



Online Meetings of OGC: We continue meeting (Zoom link from info@ourgrandchildrenclimate.org) on the first Wednesday of each month between **5 and 6.30pm**. Meetings usually start with a half-hour talk about a current topic of concern to us, followed by questions and answers.

Some issues discussed at our meeting on **6th August:**

Writing to **MPs** (suggested specimen below), but were also reminded of the role of the House of Lords (<https://www.peersfortheplanet.org/>).

We also agreed to add regularly a **Just one Thing** feature to our website, which would suggest small practical things most of us can do in the face of the overwhelming climate change. Some examples here: <https://londonpublishingpartnership.co.uk/books/how-to-reduce-your-carbon-emissions>.

Schools: The limitations of the National **Curriculum** in relation to climate change (see www.teachthefuture.uk).

Water: Tony Eva's film **Pure Clean Water** was seen at the Cambridge Film Festival (a trailer is here https://youtu.be/thr7E_RFeiE?si=3EXYlw_f6biFK6tZ)

Pensions: Four members of South West Action on **Pensions** were present at the meeting ([South West Action on Pensions - DT Action](#)). They are a pressure group that have been campaigning against the pension schemes of their Local Authorities' practice of investing in fossil fuels, and have just submitted evidence to the House of Commons in relation to the Pension Schemes Bill (The UK's pensions schemes are worth over £3 trillion, £88 billion of which is invested in fossil fuels).

NEXT MEETING 3rd September: Introductory Topic: "What did the Europeans ever do for us?"

We are members of European Grandparents for Climate www.grandparentsforclimate.eu (see their recent statement below). There are nine other European climate grandparent groups, many with a long history, and a lot to teach us. Member Sigurd (OGC Board member) will share some ideas from their conference in Oslo at the end of August; warnings and inspiration.



1st October: Marine Conservation; Chris Gorell-Barnes, Co-founder of Blue Marine Foundation

5th November: The UN Climate Summit (COP 30), and **12th/13th December:** 10th Anniversary of the Paris Climate Agreement. Actions being considered.

3rd December: Supporting children and their schools in handling climate change.

AUTUMN ACTIONS WORTH JOINING:

Saturday 6th September Rosebank Oil/Gas field development ([Stop the Rosebank oil field](#)) actions across the UK. OGC wrote a letter of protest about this earlier this year. Time for a follow-up!

Saturday 20th September 11.00 Central London: **Make Them Pay** demonstration. Three issues: Tax the Super-rich, Protect Workers, not billionaires, Make Polluters pay. Supported by 49 well-known organizations. www.makethempay.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS late 2025:

10–21 November 2025 COP30 (United Nations Climate Summit) in Brazil. The aim of the Councils of Parties has been to "to keep the global temperature increase well below 2 °C, with efforts to limit it to 1.5 °C".

11–13 December 2025: Paris 10. Climate Grandparents groups across Europe will be marking the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Paris Climate Agreement.

LETTERS TO MPs: Here's one that Em, one of our members, recently wrote to her MP: "I am writing to you as a member of Our Grandchildren's Climate, a group of elders who are trying to ensure the world our future generations grow up in will be safe, healthy and just.

Statement by European Grandparents for Climate [EGC] on the ICJ Advisory Opinion of 23 July 2025.

"We, the European Grandparents for Climate, warmly welcome the **International Court of Justice's** Advisory Opinion of 23 July 2025 on the Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change and express our deep satisfaction with this unequivocal ruling. This landmark opinion leaves no doubt: the protection of the climate is not merely a political or economic consideration or option, but a fundamental matter of human rights. The Court has made it unmistakably clear that States have binding legal obligations to take strong and immediate action to combat climate change, in order to protect both present and future generations.

As an organization committed to climate justice and intergenerational responsibility, we strongly urge all States that recognize the authority of the ICJ to act swiftly and comprehensively in aligning their national policies and legislation with the present ruling. It also expresses that there is no time to lose.

This unanimous opinion underscores what science, ethics, and the voices of countless citizens have been saying for years: safeguarding our planet's climate is not optional — it is a legal and moral imperative. Let this be the long-awaited turning point".

We believe that giving licences for any new fossil fuel projects goes directly against our aims. We are asking your support in stopping the development of the Rosebank by Equinor and Ithaca. Financially, it makes no sense. The Norwegian company will benefit from billions in tax breaks to develop the field, and a recent study by Norway's WWF, says it will cost the UK government overall £250 million. From an energy standpoint it is likely most of the oil it mines will be exported. And any sold in the UK will be at market price. From an environmental perspective, it is just over a year since the UK Supreme Court ruled that environmental impact assessments for fossil fuel projects must include assessment of the combustion emissions and their impacts. It is staggering for a country that is meant to care about the impact of climate change that this wasn't standard anyway. For clarity, Rosebank's emissions would produce more CO₂ than the 28 poorest counties with populations totalling 700 million do in a year. It is also next to a marine reserve and its development would put endangered species of coral gardens, deep sea sponges, whales and dolphins to name just a few. As an organization that is pro a just world Equinor is aiming to develop Rosebank

with Ithaca, whose majority shareholder is Delek, a group the UN list as facilitating and profiting from the construction and growth of Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian Territory. If Keir Starmer does recognise the Palestinian state, as he says he is going to, he should not be helping to fund Israeli companies that are devastating it. Please let me know if you will reject Equinor's application. I would like a reply to this letter before the #Stoprosebank action day on 6th September. Yours..."

LETTERS FROM MPs: But is it worth speaking to or writing to your MP? It certainly can be. Here's the response Alan recently received from his MP (slightly shortened - some highlighting by us):

“Dear Alan, Thank you to all those who came to meet me at the **Act Now Change Forever lobby on the 9th July**. It was great to see so many of you there, some of whom I have met before, and many new faces. Climate change is an issue that is very close to my heart, and I believe strongly in the need for urgent climate action. It is an existential threat to our lives and future generations. From the turnout, I can see how important it is to so many of my constituents too....The climate and nature crisis represents the greatest long-term challenge humankind has ever faced, and tackling this crisis is rightly one of the five missions driving this Labour Government. I am pleased that we are able to work together to push this agenda forward. Following the lobby, I wanted to outline the actions that I have already taken forward to represent and amplify your concerns. In the week following our meeting, I called on Ed Miliband to show international leadership on climate change at **COP 30**, particularly with allies who do not share the Government's ambition to tackle the crisis. This is a topic you raised with me, and I was pleased to raise it directly in Parliament with the Energy Secretary, Ed Miliband [video recording at minute 16:32 [here](#)].

The **extreme storms** brought by climate change, combined with the unique topography of Hampstead has left our constituency particularly vulnerable to surface water flooding....I have been raising the issue of surface water flooding in Parliament for years now and I spoke to BBC London news about it shortly after our meeting, with your views at the front of my mind.

To answer a query from another constituent, I have been told by the Housing and Planning Minister that the Government is determined to increase **swift brick installation**. He is considering using a new sweep of national policies for decision making, to require swift bricks to be incorporated into new buildings unless there are compelling reasons that would make them ineffective. I can assure you that I will follow these reforms closely. Furthermore, I am also speaking with my colleagues in Government to raise the need for stronger messaging on the good work we are doing to tackle the climate crisis. This includes the promotion of topics such as the social and environmental benefits of **insulation**, as well as the schemes available to encourage positive action in this area.

Looking forward, from the points raised in our discussion, I will write to Bridget Phillipson about the Government's plans to **equip children and adults with the skills needed** to deal with climate adaption and the risks that climate change poses. I will stress the need to include the opportunities that are available for people to learn the skills to adapt to the climate crisis, to encourage reparedness and community support. Finally, I will write to the Ministry of Defence to ask them to investigate the **environmental impact of the war in Ukraine**.....

Best wishes, Office of Tulip Siddiq MP. Member of Parliament for Hampstead and Highgate”.

Let us know if you want to share any responses from your own MP, who you can contact via www.writetothem.com, and do mention *OGC*.

OTHERCLIMATESENIORS'GROUPS: Canadian Seniors for Climate is an organization similar to ours. If you have Canadian connections you might be interested: <https://seniorsforclimate.org/en/home/>. They will be linking with 350.org and Canadian Climate Action Network around an action (DrawtheLine) on 19th to 21st September. More details here: <https://350.org/?r=GB&c=EU> and <https://climateactionnetwork.ca/news/>. The **US** equivalent is [Third Act – Our Time Is Now](#). If you want to range wider than “just” the climate crisis in North America, look at the [Raging Grannies](#). They co-ordinate a powerful network of groups campaigning in their local contexts around stopping the climate crisis. Individuals and groups can join them.

Do you want to explore Climate Grandparents' groups on the Continent? European Grandparents for Climate (www.grandparentsforclimate.eu) have information pages (some in English) for Austria, Belgium (Wallonia and Flanders), Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, as well as the UK.

There are many other UK groups that have overlapping interests with us. You'll find a range of links to these on our website here: [Armchair Actions](#) | ogc.org

Positive or Negative News?:

https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jun/16/public-money-green-loans-climate-finance?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other

Insure Our Survival (IOS) actions have recently had two big wins: 1. US dirty insurer Chubb is withdrawing from the Calcasieu Pass Liquefied Natural Gas terminal. 2. And according to insider info, Chubb has secretly ruled out insuring EACOP (the East African Crude Oil Pipe Line)! **BUT** Chubb now appear to be willing to restart insuring a coal production plant in Vietnam.

