



REVIEW OF THE YEAR: 2025 was our first full year as an organization. We are still few in number, but have been involved in a number of activities, some more visible than others.

Full Open online meetings have taken place on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 pm. These have largely focused on themes provided by our speakers, *Europe* in September, *Marine Conservation* in October, *Climate Action Plans in Education* in November, and *European Court of Human Rights* in December. The meetings are open for anyone to attend (link via info@ourgrandchildrensclimate.org, although members have the link sent to them). Recordings of most of these presentations are available on our YouTube channel (see our website www.ourgrandchildrensclimate.org).

Public protest: Our lovely banner has seen some action, with appearances at Barclays AGM in May, at the Climate Coalition in July, the Make Them Pay march in September, Stop Rosebank demonstrations in Bristol and London throughout the autumns, and Paris10 on Trafalgar Square in December.



Some of us made regular early-morning solo appearances outside various Government buildings during the public consultation period around whether to grant a licence to Norwegian oil company Equinor to develop **Rosebank** field in the North Sea.

In December, our friends in [The Climate Choir](#) popped up in Trafalgar Square with alternative Carols, sung to familiar tunes. Emboldened by this, a few of us turned up a few days later on the tenth anniversary of the Paris Climate Agreement at the same spot, but before we could display our poster **IS PARIS DEAD?** we were firmly escorted away by the Square's Heritage Wardens (aka Security).



Behind-the-scenes Lobbying remains an important part of our work. We have made Departmental Ministers and MPs aware of our existence, with a brief mention of us during a debate in the House of Commons. Some of our members sent evidence to the Parliamentary on the [Pensions Schemes Bill](#), where climate change has hardly receiving a mention...yet.

Several of our members have been active with the [89% project](#). The name refers to the surprisingly high percentage of people across the world who have expressed concern about climate change – surprising only because we read so little about this in mainstream media. The project encourages local and national media to report better on these issues. A propos of this, The **National Emergency Briefing** (www.nebriefing.org) on 27th November was attended by over 1 200 people, including 81 MPs (was yours there?) and 52 Peers. The background to this was concern over poor information and misinformation around climate breakdown. GB News has provided a YouTube [link](#) to the full three-hour session. This autumn our website has been suggesting a new *Just One Thing* we can all do each month (suggestions on our Welcome-Homepage). **AND** why not join our Children, or Actions Group (or Pensions Group in the New Year)? Our new extended **Executive Group** has started operating:

Good News corner: At a time when the world seems totally polarized, [The Climate and Nature Crisis Caucus](#) is a welcome attempt by some members of all political parties in Parliament to work together to look for common ground.

we'll bring you news of who they are in the next Newsletter.

The Coming Year: 2026 brings both concerns and opportunities. We have a few **New Year's resolutions** of our own: **1)** So far, much of our work has been carried out by a few individuals, in an inspired, but sometimes poorly coordinated, fashion. Our new Executive group, which will be meeting monthly, aims to improve our profile and our actions. **2)** Expanding our membership, which is still too small, and largely consists of people living in the South-East, plus a small pocket in the West Country. **3)** Improve our social media presence. We already have Facebook and Instagram accounts, as well as website and YouTube channel. We are constantly working at improving these. **4)** We hope to make more contact with young people's organizations.

Across the Channel. We continue to have regular contact with our Continental counterparts (www.grandparentsforclimate.eu), and our international conference in Oslo was a real inspiration. Currently, a major concern in EU countries is the *Omnibus* proposal to use one large legislative Act to bundle together multiple existing laws, in the interest of efficiency and competitiveness. This will likely result in reduced scrutiny of controversial policies like the EU *Green Deal*, which is coming under increased pressure from the right-ward trend in Continental politics.

The **Company AGM season** will soon be upon us, with its opportunities for raising questions about dubious and dangerous investment decisions in a public setting. Or will it? Once the dates for the Parliamentary debate around the [Audit Reform and Governance Bill](#) have been announced, we will want to submit evidence and ask our members to lobby their MPs. And why? There is a strong possibility that Company AGMs may now be permitted to take place solely on-line, in a way that dissuades any public comment or action. Our friends at [ShareAction](#) have helped us join other shareholder protestors. Internationally, there is concern that **Court Cases** like the one being taken by Exxon Mobil against Greenpeace and some shareholder activists like the Dutch campaign group [Follow This](#), may make environmental campaigners nervous about filing lawsuits or voting against Big Oil.



But we are also considering the merits of taking the law into our own hands, inspired by the talk Isabelle Jörg gave to us in December about the elderly-women's group's ([Klimaseniorinnen](#)) successful **legal action** against the Swiss Government. We are in contact with an Irish group ([News - Community Law](#)) who are planning something similar in 2026.

Ever mindful of the fact that for very many people climate change can seem like a nebulous concept, we will also continue supporting actions that address the more visible connected aspects of climate change.

IT IS WITH SADNESS we announce the recent imprisonment for over 2 years of a [local Councillor](#) for his climate activism. We are also concerned for the liberty of the defendants at the [Magna Carta](#) Case (starting 13th January at Wood Green Crown Court) – where we hope to bring our banner. One of the defendants reminded us at our December open meeting of the opportunities we have for challenging the Government through the use of the Climate Change Act 2008.

An example of this is noise and air pollution. The Bristol Airport Expansion action in 2025 failed, and although a decision was made in favour of Gatwick expansion in September, this is now urgently being challenged by [Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign](#). Jonathan Essex will be speaking to us about this at our full meeting on 7th January at 5 pm.

Keep Calibri alive! At a time when war is being waged against woke type-faces in the USA, we stand firm with ours. Happy New Year!

