



**Who we are:** Our new **Executive group** of twelve has now met four times. Its work involves planning future and reviewing past actions, always keeping a focus on the role of seniors in relation to climate change. We make decisions about how best to communicate, increase our membership, and also keep an eye on our strained finances. We have just introduced an annual membership contribution fee of at least £20, as a way of helping us extend our work. We may be volunteers, but our work is expensive.

We currently also have three **working groups**, Actions, Talking with Children, and Pensions and Finance.

**Forthcoming public actions:** In **March** alone we will be involved in three public actions in London, jointly with other groups,



1. **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** lobby of MPs, on the Government proposal to tighten up regulations around **public protest**, Join us at Trafalgar Square at 1 pm.

[picture 2024: *Defend Our Juries: Would this type of protest still feel safe?*]

2. **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Rosebank lobby of MPs, Westminster

3. **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** Joint march with *Together Alliance* against the threat from the extreme Right.

Timings and OGC rendez-vous details will be available on the *Forthcoming Actions* page on our website.

**Online actions** include challenging some of the largest oil companies and the backing from their financial system, by submitting questions, jointly with ShareAction, at some company AGMs, as we did last year. Join their [“backsliding” campaign](#). Tell ShareAction what response you get from your pension scheme. We have applied to join the [First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels](#) in Colombia at the end of April (so-called “COP30 and a half”, itself a protest against the power of the oil lobby at COP meetings).

Encouraging **“Armchair Activism”** is an important part of our work (including letters to MPs), like nationwide online initiatives such as the annual [Big Plastic Count](#) (9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March) and UN World Water Day Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – the [latter](#) focuses particularly on the theme of water and gender this year.



We encourage decision-makers to put themselves in the position of future generations – In the Netherlands, Dutch environmentalists ask them to sit on a **Future Chair**, or “toekomststoel”, as a physical reminder of the danger of climate collapse to children.

**Open Meetings:** At our January Meeting Isabelle Jörg (YouTube video 57 minutes [here](#)) told us about the particular issues of global heating affecting the **health of older women**: this was a factor in her group winning the Court case against the Swiss Government.

Listen to the 2023 BBC World Service programme *The Climate Question* for more about this issue [here](#) (27 minutes). The effects of the lack of adequate climate-related policies in relation to older people are also evident in the campaign by Friends of the Earth Ireland: [read more](#). In February we heard about the expansion of Gatwick Airport, and in March we had a talk about pensions and fossil-fuels.

**The NEW Pensions Working Group will be having its first meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 4 pm online. Are your duties fiduciary? Are your assets stranded? More details on the next page.**

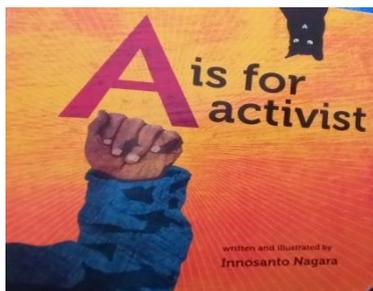
The **health-related** aspects of Climate change were underlined by one of the speakers at the [National Emergency Briefing](#) (12 minutes) in November last year. Said Professor Hugh Montgomery: "I'm scared for my own life and future. I'm absolutely terrified for that of my son." 81 MPs attended – did yours? (Write to them with your [appreciation or disappointment](#)).

**LATEST RECOMMENDED VIEWING:** Michael Sheen and "You Told Us To Talk About The Weather" [here](#). A 5-minute frightening poem by Emma Louise Howell

**Beyond the Channel. A Finnish grandparent colleague tells us that fines (eg for public obstruction) are calculated on the basis of the convicted person's daily income, commonly around 40 €. We do things differently in the UK.**

On the back of Julie-Ann Booker's talk to us on 4<sup>th</sup> March on **pensions and climate change**, our own Pensions and Finance working group has now got started. One of our first tasks will be to join our partners ShareAction in preparing questions and other interventions for the Company agm season, which starts at the end of April (eg NatWest, Barclays, HSBC). Most of the 5 100 pension funds in the UK (including yours?) use one of the big banks. Submit a question/ and objection of your own to your pension provider about their banks' investments in fossil fuels, and let Share Action have their (non-) reply by 12<sup>th</sup> April. We'll be inside/outside the AGM of one or more of the biggies: look for news updates on our website. Guidance here: [www.shareaction.org](http://www.shareaction.org).

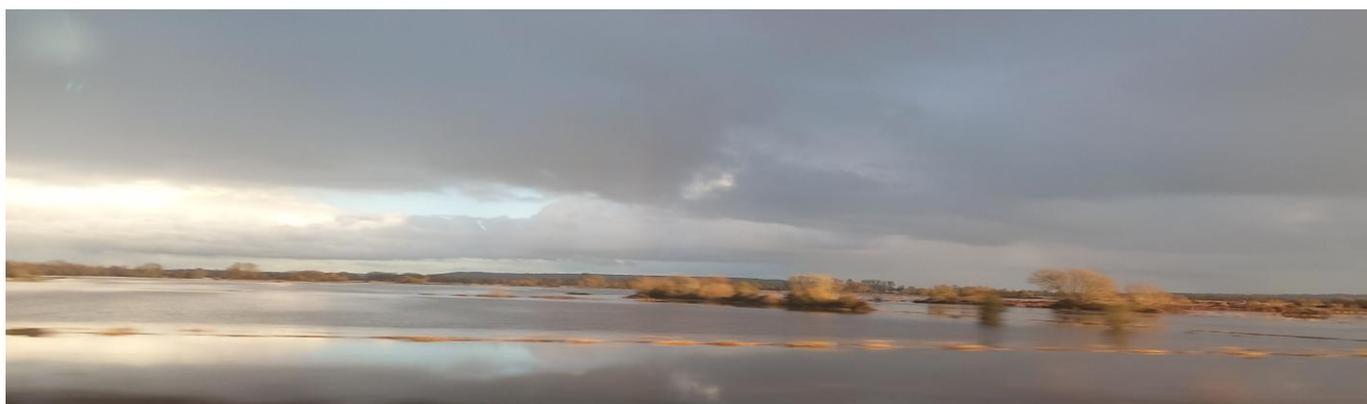
*Below: A present for the young child who has everything?*



For more recommended books for children look at our website: CLIMATE INFO/ CHILDREN'S BOOK LIST

Our **Open Meetings** take place online on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 pm, usually with a speaker. More details on our website Home Page.

*Picture below: February 2026: Nice view, shame about the flooding.*



**Good News Corner:** Cycle lanes, electric cars and other interventions have helped 19 global cities (amongst them, London) slash levels of pollutants by more than 20%. Be inspired, read more, in the summary \*, and the full report # (links on the right)

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