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#ClimateHeritage Joins the Global Climate Strike



Over the last year, millions of school climate strikers have been leaving their classrooms every Friday. Young people have woken up much of the world, and now they are asking for everyone else to join them in action.

Climate change is already impacting communities and heritage globally, and these trends are rapidly worsening. No community, culture, region or type of heritage is immune from climate risks. At the same time, there are significant cultural heritage dimensions to every aspect of climate action covered by the Paris Agreement, including heightening ambition to address climate change, mitigating greenhouse gases, enhancing adaptive capacity, and planning for loss and damage, as the "[Future of Our Pasts: Engaging Cultural Heritage in Climate Action](#)" report released by ICOMOS in July 2019 make clear.

#ClimateHeritage is an international movement of arts, culture and heritage advocates, experts, and professionals committed to mobilize their fields for climate action. Many in the movement emphatically support the Global Climate Strike.

And on September 20, to coincide with the big UN climate meeting, these advocates will support our youth's call for adults to join them in the streets. Strikes can be a powerful tactic for shifting the balance of power by disrupting business as usual.

They urge the arts, culture and heritage communities to stop work for a day, leave their sites, museums, offices, classrooms, and fieldwork, and participate in the Global Climate Strike.

How to join:

1. Take a day off work on September 20, and sign up to attend a youth-led Climate Strike event near you:

- [US](#)
- [Global](#)
- [Downloadable designs for signs and other design ideas](#) are available to help!



2. Organize your site/department/workplace to join a strike event together:

- Pick a meetup location, create a Facebook event page & invite colleagues to join. Coordinate with other science groups in your area. [Here is an organizing guide](#).
- Ask your workplace to endorse the strike. [Here is a template letter](#).
- Let colleagues know about your workplace organizing by sharing the news on social media using the hashtag #ClimateHeritage.

3. Spread the word:

- Use the #ClimateHeritage and #ClimateStrike hashtags and post about why you are joining the strike.
- [Write an op-ed](#) encouraging scientists to join the strike.
- Talk to other arts, culture and heritage colleagues at work or professional events.

4. Know a passionate youth who'd love to find out more about getting involved? [Tell them how](#).

On a grossly unequal planet, not everyone will be able to take a day off or take part in the same way. But we can all take a stand and make our voices heard. You can also show your support by [organizing a lunchtime action](#) at your workplace, or taking a solidarity photo (don't forget to include #ClimateHeritage or #ClimateStrike in your posts!).

As guardians, conservators and keepers of the places and customs valued most by communities, we understand that every moment matters, and every bit of warming matters. We will join young people

and workers everywhere to sound the alarm and show our politicians that business as usual is no longer an option. The climate crisis won't wait, so neither will we.

For our future,
Climate Heritage Colleagues

(This guide was adapted from the "Scientists Join the Global Climate Strike" guide prepared by the March for Science).