

Dear all,

I am sorry that I could not be with you here today. I have read the speech of the organisers- and I have to admit this is one of the most inspiring speeches I have read in a while. I love how the organisers have picked up on the urgency to work at the cross-section of climate crisis and racism. It makes me proud to be able to present my thoughts on this stage today. I thank you for inviting me to speak here.

This demo should be an example for the whole movement today. I value your courage and conviction to try and organise this rally together when everyone else said- we should only focus on one thema. I am eager to meet and learn the lessons from you that emerged from working together. I hope from this demo today we can inspire others to work differently and join hands more in the coming days.

We need to join hands because- this crisis is bigger than anything human civilization has ever seen and to fight it we need to bring all our forces together. When we say we need to keep focusing on climate we forget, staying in our bubble won't save us. This is the most interconnected issue of our time and its solution needs to be interconnected as well.

Our political leaders and governments are not listening to us. We need to make them listen to us. We need to make them take the necessary steps. For that, we also need to create bigger grass-roots movement connecting our issues. Do we want to live in a world where the climate has been saved but inequality, poverty, racism, sexism, xenophobia still exists?

The truth is- to solve the climate crisis we need to solve inequality, racism, sexism and xenophobia. For that- these are the reasons why we are facing this crisis today. In a recent report, we learned that emission from the richest 10% would be enough to push us above the 1.5 degree threshold even if the rest of the world cut their emission to zero.

So we see, at the core of the problem is inequality and that is being sustained by all other forms of oppression.

Therefore, a key to fighting the crisis is building cross-sectional movement. I am proud of what has taken place in Heidelberg today. I look forward to learning and sharing more with you all. Let's keep fighting together for a better future.

What do we want??

Climate Justice

