

Hello, we are Julia and Rosa from Fridays for Future Heidelberg and we are happy to finally stand here again and strike with you. Thank you for being here with us!

Unfortunately, the occasion is not so pleasant: while the situation in the Corona crisis seems to be easing a bit right now, the consequences of the climate crisis are becoming more and more noticeable. In Germany, there have been more heat waves, storms and thunderstorms in the last weeks. Globally, things look even worse: Nepal is experiencing the worst forest fires in ten years. Thousands of people in Indonesia have been forced from their homes by landslides and floods. Record temperatures of almost 50 degrees have been recorded in Canada, and several people have died from the heat waves. In Madagascar, hundreds of thousands of people are at risk of starvation after several years of drought. Even if it has received less attention in the meantime: the climate crisis never went away and the consequences are becoming more and more devastating. Even today, as we speak, the climate crisis is threatening people around the world and destroying lives.

We have no more time!

We cannot wait until the situation in Germany becomes unbearable. We cannot wait until politicians in Germany have understood that the climate crisis is an acute crisis that we will not be able to solve in a few years. For us, the direct consequences of the climate crisis are something new, we can protect ourselves relatively well against it. Other people in many parts of the world, on the other hand, have been suffering much longer and more severely from a wide variety of natural disasters caused or exacerbated by the man-made climate crisis. At the same time, the people and regions most affected by the climate crisis are contributing the least to it. Therefore, the climate crisis is a justice issue. Climate justice can only be achieved through solidarity, anti-racism and feminism!

Germany has a special responsibility in this regard, for example in saving CO₂ emissions. As one of the wealthiest and strongest industrialized nations in the world, we must comply with the Paris climate targets. This must be ensured at all levels, including here on site. Even 1.5 degrees of global warming is only a compromise, with consequences for the climate and for people. But if we don't even keep to this limit, we will continue to head for irreversible damage and the tipping points at which the climate crisis will get even worse! If we continue as we have done so far, we accept almost 3 degrees of global warming. This is not an option, the compromise of 1.5 degrees must be respected!

Two weeks ago, the city had the opportunity to do its part, with the Climate Action Plan. In 2019, Mayor Würzner declared a climate emergency for Heidelberg. About half a year later, the climate protection action plan was adopted, a 30-point plan, which is to guarantee climate protection. The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (IFEU) put the "Climate Protection Action Plan"

under the microscope: the measures have hardly any impact on CO2 emissions. At most, 14% of the emissions in Heidelberg can be saved! That is far too little to fight the climate crisis!

Even this 14% will probably not be achieved, because the measures with the greatest savings potential have been allocated far too little funding in the city's new budget: these are the district heating conversion, the doubling of the renovation rate and the mobility turnaround. Every day, people lose their livelihoods because of the climate crisis, while we discuss "Bio Nudeln" and "Klimawäldchen". A 14% reduction is a failure in terms of the "climate capital" Heidelberg. More must be done!

And not only in Heidelberg. A new government has been elected in Baden-Württemberg, and we will not stop striking until they also live up to their responsibility. The oh-so-green state government must finally stand for real climate protection. We need a social-ecological transport and energy turnaround, we need a real plan for climate neutrality by 2035 at all levels!

You can't compromise with the climate. We have been talking about this for more than two years, and the city must also finally understand this! We demand a climate protection action plan that makes 1.5 degrees possible, a plan so that we can solve this crisis in solidarity, also in Heidelberg. We must act, and we must act now!

What do we want? Climate justice!

When do we want it? Now!