



Greta Thunberg's 2020 Bristol climate speech

"Wow! Thank you so much for coming. There is people everywhere. I can't see an end to it. Thank you so much every single one of you for being here. And I am so happy to be here in Bristol with all of you. There will be a time when we will look back and ask ourselves what we did right now. How do we want to be remembered?"

This is an emergency. People are already suffering and dying from the consequences of the climate and environmental emergency, but it will get worse. Still this emergency is being completely ignored by politicians, the media and those in power. Basically, nothing is being done to halt this crisis despite all the beautiful words and promises for the elected officials.

So, what did we do during this crucial time? What will we do right now? Well, I will not stand aside and watch, I will not be silenced while the world is on fire - will you? World leaders are behaving like children, so it falls on us to be the adults in the room. It should not be this way we should not be the ones who will have to lead on this and tell the uncomfortable truth.

Once again, they sweep their mess under the rug for us young people, for their children, to clean up for them. But we must continue. We must be patient and remember the changes required will not happen overnight. Since the politics and solutions needed are still far from sight. But if enough people are pushing for change, change will come. We are those people. And every single person counts.

Just look at Bristol as an example. The other week, the plans to expand Bristol Airport were cancelled - a lot thanks to climate activists. And of course, this is far from enough, but it shows that it does actually make a difference. Activism works. So, I'm telling you to act. If you look throughout history, all the great changes have come from the people.

We are being betrayed by those in power and they are failing us, but we will not back down. If you feel threatened by that, then I have some very bad news for you - we will not be silenced because we are the change and change is coming whether you like it or not. Thank you and let's march."

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