

## Photo Competition: Climate Change

Climate change is happening<sup>1</sup>. It is happening now and is having very real consequences on people's lives over the entire globe. Climate change is disrupting national economies, costing us dearly today and will cost us even more tomorrow. We need to act now to try and prevent further warming and the devastation that comes with that. The world's leading scientists state that there is strong evidence that humans are creating this climate change through their behaviour. If we are creating this problem then we can also be the ones to prevent it getting any worse by modifying that behaviour.

Climate change can be limited, with existing technologies and efforts, but we need to actually make this happen. Positive action is required. We need to send a clear message out to our leaders that we support action to reduce carbon emissions.

People, organisations, companies and governments need to do much more of some things, and much less of some other things. Politically it is often easier to sell doing something new (such as free charging for electric cars), rather than no longer doing something old (such as burning coal or pulping rainforest). But doing more is no longer enough: we also need to do less.

The United Nations are holding their Summit on Climate Change on 23rd September 2014 in New York. Globally people will be speaking out to implore these gathered politicians to take the substantial steps necessary to reduce as much as possible further global warming and its attendant natural disasters. We want to add our voices to those others campaigning for states to commit to a target and plan to reduce carbon emissions. We would like your help to spread the word and apply pressure on our leaders to do what they can to save this planet and all of us on it. We are setting up a photography competition and exhibition focused on climate change.

### What we are looking for is photo entries which match the following criteria:

- A photo inspired by what we either need to more of or what we should do less of to prevent further climate change (or 2xA4 images showing one of each; single caption, as one entry)
- Editing is permitted but all effort, as well as the images used, must be your own.
- A caption, in English, of up to 50 words explaining how the photo relates to Climate Change must be emailed to [info@aberdeenclimateaction.org](mailto:info@aberdeenclimateaction.org). This caption will be displayed with the photo at the exhibition. Please also include the full name of the photographer and the photographer's website address (if desired).
- The email containing your caption must also include an attached digital "thumbnail" of your photo(s) submission (max size ~1MB, jpeg).
- The photo(s) submissions themselves must be A4 size and mounted or framed; the captions will be printed and displayed alongside the related photo(s) by organisers.
- Registration is required to enter this competition. Registration must be completed online at [www.aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://www.aberdeenclimateaction.org) by **Wednesday 17 September at 21:00**.
- All photo submissions must be physically submitted to the collection point, as indicated on [www.aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://www.aberdeenclimateaction.org) by no later than Thursday 18 September at 09:00, **unless by written agreement with the organisers**.

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updated: 12/9/2014 - red markup (registration date, prize date)

updated: 6/9/2014 - exhibition location

➤ Late entries will not be accepted.

**There will be two categories: one for over 16 year olds and another for those under 16 years old.**

## The Exhibition

All entries will be, subject to space constraints, displayed as part of a Photo Exhibition on Climate Change at a central Aberdeen site (Belmont Picture House), open to the public. The Exhibition will be opening on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30 (tbc) and is scheduled to run for at least 2 weeks. More details will be available on [www.aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://www.aberdeenclimateaction.org).

The competition will be judged by an expert judging panel and, additionally, there will be audience choice winner. The announcement of the winners and prize giving event will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** (time tbc).

## Your Reward:

### Publicity:

- you may display your business cards at the exhibition, subject to space constraints;
- Your name and webpage is included on your caption which will be displayed both at the live Exhibition and the website digital/virtual version;
- Your photo(s) and caption will be on display on [aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://aberdeenclimateaction.org) for up to 12 months with link to your own site (if you wish);
- The press release will include names of the entrants (and club details if required)

Prizes: There will be a prize for each age category and the audience choice winner.

## Terms & Conditions:

- Submissions must be collected after completion of the exhibition. Submissions not collected within 2 months from this date may be disposed of by organisers.
- Organisers will not be held liable for any damage or loss
- The thumbnail photo(s) will be displayed as part of a virtual exhibition on [www.aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://www.aberdeenclimateaction.org). Your thumbnail photo(s), together with its accompanying caption, may be displayed on the website for up to 12 months.
- The submitted photos will only be used, or displayed out with the exhibition, with the permission of the submitting photographer or guardian, if under 16yrs old.
- The submitting photographer retains all copyright to the submitted images.

**Aberdeen Climate Action is a voluntary organisation: any donation or help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact us via [www.aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://www.aberdeenclimateaction.org)**

<sup>1</sup>: for source material of these statements and more information: see [www.aberdeenclimateaction.org](http://www.aberdeenclimateaction.org)