

Welcome and thank you to everyone who showed up.

We are here today because we've had enough.

Of politicians who don't listen.

They don't listen to the hundred thousands of people striking for the climate.

They don't listen to science or the UN.

And they won't listen to us.

But what else can we do than to keep fighting?

Because we are not only fighting for us - we are fighting for those who can't.

For nature, for the animals, for people across the world.

For our children.

Because our children deserve better.

They deserve politicians who takes the facts seriously.

Because there are so many things we know.

We know that the cruise industry is polluting our air and water and ruining our environment.

They release toxic gases such as sulphur oxide, nitrogen oxide, CO₂ and ozone.

One of the largest luxury cruise operators emits almost ten times more SO_x around European coasts than all the cars in Europe combined.

We know that the cruise ship industry is contributing to the massive loss of biodiversity we are facing.

We are on the verge of losing over one quarter of all species known to us.

The gases these cruise ships release destroys biodiversity both in the ocean and on land.

Even just a few hours of exposure to NO_x and SO_x can cause irreparable damage.

We know that pollution is the largest environmental cause of disease and premature death in the world.

Pollution was responsible for 16% of all death worldwide in 2015.

That is three times more than all deaths by AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined and 15 times more than from all wars and other forms of violence!

We know that luxury ships are using “scrubbing” as an attempt to whitewash their industry. In reality, they are washing the fuels into the ocean – that just means moving the problems from air to water.

We know that the ocean absorbs $\frac{1}{4}$ of all our emissions.

Not only does this mean that the ocean loses its ability to create oxygen, it also means the ocean is acidifying and organisms are dying.

We know that large emissions of greenhouse gases contribute to the warming of our oceans, causing melting ice and polar areas, sea level rise, extreme weather, and floods.

The ice loss we have suffered is already irreversible.

For the cruise industry, that just means more waters to trespass!

We know, that these cruise ships are not contributing to our local tourism or economy. They are floating cities of luxury. They are the picture of glorified capitalist experience culture.

Lastly, **we know** that our emissions as a nation and a city is increasing. And we know we have to stop this.

So – what do we, extinction rebellion, want?

We want the government to act.

They need to tell the truth about the cruise industry and their dangerous impact on our society. They need to acknowledge the crisis we are in and the way we are headed.

We want the government to creating legally binding politics which will affect the cruise industry. We need to see a downscaling of cruise ship traffic and an end to their emissions.

Lastly, we demand that the government create a civil counsel in every city to observe the development of cruise traffic closely and make decision that reflect the needs of the population.

Thank you for everyone who showed to fight with us today.

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