

Extinction Rebellion Action Consensus

This action consensus is a binding framework for non-violent direct actions undertaken during the Extinction Rebellion campaign. If you participate in XR actions, you need to abide by this action consensus.

- **We are taking action to raise awareness of the earth emergency we find ourselves in.** We act to protect this country and the earth, our home. We are rebelling against extinction because our species and the many others we co-exist with are under threat. We will work with and in support of other groups and networks across the US and internationally, through a combination of affinity group actions and larger events. We respect that movements are diverse and we choose to adopt different tactics in different circumstances.
- **We will be mindful of members of the public** going about their normal day to day activities at all times. We wish we didn't feel the need to disrupt, and at the same time we acknowledge that the political, economic and social system we live in has driven us to take disruptive action; recognizing that unless actions are undertaken in towns, cities and public places any impact will be minimal and localized. We understand that workers who may be disrupted by our actions rely on their jobs to provide for themselves and their families.
- **We will be strictly non-violent** in our actions and communications with members of the public, workers, the authorities and each other at all times. We will treat everyone with dignity and respect. We recognize that non-violence is essential to our campaign, whilst recognizing that using non-violence is a privilege that is not available to everybody.
- **We will act calmly and carefully and will strive not to endanger people.**
- **We will not take action under the influence of alcohol or drugs.** We will keep ourselves informed of the legal consequences of our actions and take responsibility for them. **We will honour our regenerative culture**, looking after ourselves and each other in order to take effective action. Safety will be a high priority at all times.
- **We will plan actions with care**, being mindful of blockades that may affect emergency routes. We will consult our traffic plan to mitigate for these eventualities. **We will not take action unless trained and aware of the consequences of our actions.**
- **Alongside protest and civil disobedience actions, we encourage constructive direct actions that offer solutions to the climate and biodiversity crises we face.** We encourage the creation of a regenerative culture, that supports us as we focus on these solutions in more connected, cooperative communities. We will tell stories of positive change to encourage others to act. This will build a stronger narrative that complements our opposition to failed business-as-usual approaches.
- **As activists in the Global North, we collectively acknowledge our privilege.** We are on an ongoing journey of understanding what this means. We act in solidarity with social and environmental justice frontlines outside the US and recognize that our struggles are connected.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



WELCOME TO THE REBELLION

EXTINCTION REBELLION (XR) is an international mobilization against governments' criminal inaction on climate change. XR is a strictly non-violent movement, whose overall ambition is an international rebellion that helps humanity to turn quickly onto a course that is compatible with life on earth, and to build resilient communities in the face of ecological and societal crisis. We operate under the principles of Self-Organizing Systems with a decentralized structure. We have a shared set of demands and a shared set of principles for growth, health, action and results.

WE DEMAND

That the government tell the truth about the climate and wider ecological emergency, reverse inconsistent policies and work alongside the media to communicate with citizens.

That the government enact legally binding policy measures to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2025 and to reduce consumption levels.

A just transition that prioritizes the most vulnerable people and indigenous sovereignty, and establishes remediation led by and for communities suffering environmental injustice.

A national Citizen's Assembly to oversee the changes, as part of creating a democracy fit for purpose.

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

1. We have a shared vision of change
2. We set our mission on what is necessary
3. We need a regenerative culture
4. We openly challenge ourselves and this toxic system
5. We value reflecting and learning
6. We welcome everyone and every part of everyone
7. We actively mitigate for power
8. We avoid blaming and shaming
9. We are a non-violent network
10. We are based on autonomy and decentralization.

XR uses working groups. We currently have these groups that you can join:

Art, Outreach, Media, Action Planning, Strategy, Regenerative Culture, Finance, Legal, Technology, Structure & Facilitation, Guerilla Gardening

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