

Greta Thunberg: How She Changed The World

Cars whizzing around the streets, plastic, cutting down forests, and industrial sites. All of these things are terrible for climate change and no one really did anything about it until one girl with a passion for the environment came and changed the world..

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Greta & How It All Started

Greta Thunberg was born on 3rd of January 2003 in Stockholm, Sweden and in 2018 she saw a rise in greenhouse gas emissions and had to do something about it. She was inspired by students at the Parkland school in Florida where they protested during school hours against US gun laws. So she started protesting as well, she tried to get other school students to participate with her but "no one was interested" she said. Determined to try and help lower carbon emissions, she protested outside the Swedish parliament on her own which is an awfully brave thing to do. She was inspired by lots of activists like Rosa Parks. Amazingly she has rallied over 10 million people in over 260 countries!

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My Personal Experience

I have had a passion for the environment for a long time but I only found out about climate change in 2019 and I ended up going to one of the School Strike for Climate protests and I found out

¹ European Commission

² University of Sydney 25 March 2022 Dr Blanche Verlie

³ Britannica

a lot more about Earth. I was afraid that our planet would be destroyed by the environmental destruction of climate change. It was very inspiring seeing all of these people talk about climate change. This year my family has become significantly better at being kind to the environment like walking places instead of driving, making sure we recycle things, and just being better to the environment overall.

Visiting World Leaders

Greta Thunberg has visited many world leaders in her time as a climate activist such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, United States Secretary- General Antonio Guterres, and Alexander Van der Bellen. "Well why does she do this?", you might ask. Well it's because she wants leaders to acknowledge the seriousness of climate change and the toll it takes on our planet. This is very important for our environment because otherwise no one will actually realise how bad climate change is, but if leaders recognize the devastation that climate change causes then our planet would be a lot better.

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The Past, Present, and Future

People sometimes think "What will our planet be like in 10 years?". Greta Thunberg is trying to stop terrible things from

⁴ CBS News May 28 2019

⁵ Wikipedia

happening to our planet which we have desperately needed for a very long time. She doesn't just inspire us to help stop climate change – she persuades us to. As for me, I definitely stand with Greta on this topic because she wants to help earth get back to its former glory, as a green, clean, and carbon free planet. What we have to remember is that we choose the future of our planet and if we choose to treat it badly then well, that's the future. But if we choose to treat like Greta says, then that definitely is a much better future for us and Papatūānuku.⁶

Do People Listen To Her?

We have to answer the question "do people listen to her?", well as I said she has rallied over 10 million people in over 260 countries which is amazing. So yes people definitely agree with her cause but people don't just have to agree they have to take action too which they have because I have noticed changes. like more electric cars. When young people take action, remarkable things happen as seen with Greta. Another sign of change is that Greta has inspired thousands of young people to fight for their opinions and start their own strikes. what

Greta Thunberg has made an immense impact on our society and I can't even put into words how to say thank you to her for all she has done for our planet. We have to remember to always be kind to the environment to help Greta achieve her goal of a carbon neutral world because every little bit helps.

⁶ BBC News 5 November 2021 Daniel Kraemer