

Extinction Rebellion announces a decentralized and digital action wave in June

June 2nd, 2020 – Extinction Rebellion Germany is planning decentralized and digital actions between 12th June and 21st June under the motto #nogoingback (German: #weilersowargestern) in multiple German cities.

The blockades and actions will be directed against the federal government and its departments, as well as all those corporations, institutions and lobbyists still blocking effective climate action.

The actions replace the Rebellion Wave originally planned for early May that was postponed due to COVID-19.

Given the ongoing risk of infection, Extinction Rebellion will not call for any mass demonstrations. The actions will be decentralized and digital instead.

„We are reaching dangerous climate tipping points. Therefore, after the Corona crisis we can not return to business-as-usual. 2020 is the year for long overdue decisive action to avoid climate catastrophe and the collapse of ecological systems on Earth“, says Annemarie Botzki, XR press contact. *„With targeted nonviolent actions we will increase pressure on government and corporations. We refuse to accept the fact that our common future is risked for the benefit of the few“,* explains Botzki.

The Rebellion Wave starts on June 12th with a digital climate festival focused on climate justice. A diverse program will include workshops, live streams, music, talks and discussion groups.

Actions will start from Monday 15th June and will be carried out by several regional coalitions and local groups; Berlin, Dresden, Erlangen, Essen, Greifswald, Hamburg, Cologne, Konstanz, Lüneburg, North Rhine-Westphalia and in the Rhine-Main-Neckar Region.

There will also be disruptive digital actions ('Digital Rebellion') targeting corporate 'greenwashing campaigns' online.

„We demand a Citizens Assembly to work out proposals towards Germany achieving net zero emissions by 2025, stopping the mass extinction of species and supporting those humans already suffering from the consequences of accelerated climate change“, says Tino Pfaff, XR press contact *„Our system of representative democracy urgently needs reform. If corporate lobbying continues with as much influence and power as today, our*

societies and livelihoods will eventually be destroyed. Politicians interested in a democratic future should have the wisdom to opt for more participation of all people in critical decision making“, Pfaff continues

More and more people are joining Extinction Rebellion. The movement now consists of more than 140 local groups in Germany alone, with about 20.000 activists. Worldwide there are more than 200.000 rebels with 1178 local groups in 73 countries on all six continents. Extinction rebellion continues to grow and gain importance, especially in the global south, where nearly half of all national groups are located, most of them in Africa.

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