

# Lancaster University and the Climate Emergency: A call to action

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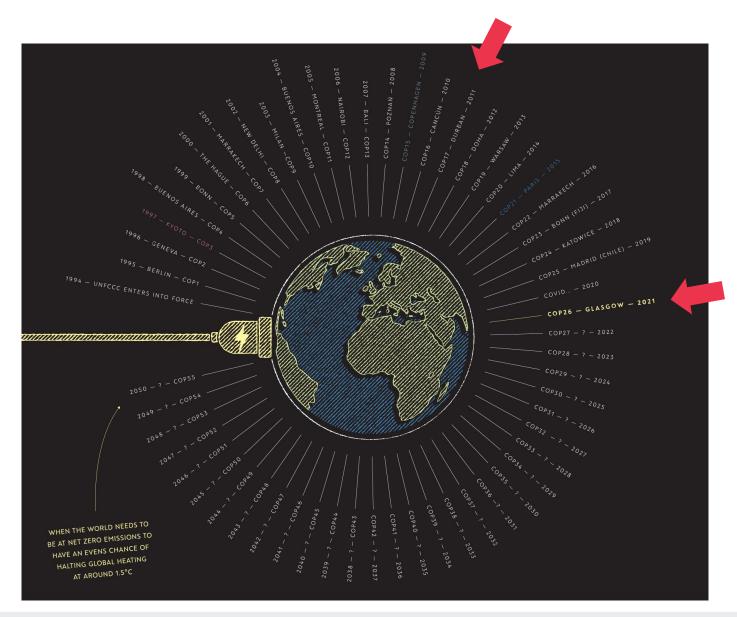
- Declare a climate emergency.
- 2. Commit to a target of carbon neutrality by 2030.
- 3. Engage staff, students and the wider community in shaping and implementing the response.
  - 4. Appoint a senior member of Management responsible for achieving this target.
- 5. Allocate sufficient resources to implement a rapid decarbonisation action plan.
- Manage University-owned land to enhance native species biodiversity.

## Sign the petition:



change.org/p/lancaster-university-declare-and-respond-to-the-climate-emergency

## From COP17 to COP26...



### Travel Plan

The Travel Plan aims to support University operations and development; encourage and enable sustainable transport choices for everybody; and continually reduce the negative impacts of travel such as congestion, carbon emissions and air pollution. The Travel Plan will deliver the University's target to be carbon neutral from all its scope 3 transport emissions by 2035.

## Carbon Management Plan

The Carbon Management Plan quantifies Lancaster University carbon emissions and carbon reduction targets and sets out a strategic route map to reducing emissions through a range of policies, projects and initiatives.

Environmental Performance Report 2013-14



Lancaster University
Carbon Management Plan

2015-2020

## IS <mark>IT ABOUT</mark> NOW?

## IS THERE A PLAN?

## IS IT FAST ENOUGH?

#### 50. FDU N BY 2030

Does to ment focus on acting right, w, toward an interim 2055 target, as part of the global effort to halve emissions by 2030?

Credible = yes, I see an interim target, which supports the global goal to halve emissions by 2030

#### **AMBITION TO ACTION**

Do they have a clear plan of what actions will be taken immediately, and in the next five years, toward achieving both interim and longer-term targets?

Credible = yes, I see a plan, with interim and end goals, that's focused on the next five years.

#### BL YE 2

Are the seg to reach net zero emission arme – before 2050?

Does that larget maximise their ability to act, given that some can get there faster than others?

Credible = yes the end goal is before 2050, by continuing to prioritise reduction

## CAN YOU SEE PROGRESS?

## WHAT DOES IT COVER?

## I<mark>S IT JUST</mark> OFFSETTING?

### TRANSPARENCY + GOVERNANCE

Do they report publicly on their progress, at least annually, and against all of their emissions? (Scopes 1, 2, and 3 – for more information on scopes, see here).

Credible = yes, I can see their progress clearly, against all scopes, without having to dig for it and there are strong governance arrangements in place.

#### **SCOPE OF COMMITMENT**

Does the commitment cover all greenhouse gas emissions including Scope 3 for businesses and investors?

Credible = all emissions sources are discussed, even if the plan is to manage them together with other partners.

#### **PRIORITISE REDUCTION**

What is the role of offsetting in the net zero strategy? Are they reducing emissions, or relying mainly on offsets?

Credible = yes, offsets do not substitute for or delay decarbonisation and by the net zero target date, credits and sinks are only used to balance the hardest-to-abate emissions.

