

Climate protest at G7 summit in Germany

Alliance demands global climate justice

Münster, Germany, 27.10.2022. In light of the meeting of the G7 foreign ministers in Germany, a local alliance, among others Fridays for Future Münster and Greenpeace Münster, are calling out to protest under the slogan "Global climate justice - The world is not owned by the G7!". The protest will be held on November third, the first day of the two-day summit. The alliance draws attention to the fact that, contrary to the polluter pays principle, the people and regions hit hardest by the climate crisis are often those that have emitted the least carbon emissions.

The climate crisis is unjust

“Particularly, people from the Global South are already facing the consequences of climate change today” states Philipp Voss of Greenpeace Münster. According to a report by Oxfam, the richest 1 percent of the world's population alone is responsible for more than twice as many emissions as the poorest 50 percent! Moreover, also poor people in the G7 countries are affected by the climate crisis and fossil dependencies, which is not sufficiently considered by policy decisions. The rising uncertainty in the population gets visible in increasing numbers of protests, exemplary in the UK and Germany. The people are troubled, because of rising energy and livelihood costs, which are among others a result of failed energy policies and fossil dependencies.

Protesters demand action of the G7 countries

Against this backdrop and the escalating climate crisis, the protesters have clear demands on the G7 countries:

1. Reduce social and global injustices through concrete financial measures for climate protection, climate adaptation and reparations, especially in the Global South.
2. Rapid reduction of the dependency on fossil fuels, no more investments in (lasting) fossil infrastructure and a coal phase-out by 2030 in all G7 countries.
3. Recognition and breakdown of the existing colonial exploitation structures and respect for human rights!

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