



End Fossil: Occupy!

Media talking points

These are international talking points to communicate to the press about the End Fossil student occupations, September to December 2022. Feel free to use these if you'd like to, and feel free to adapt them to your local context as well.

1. What is End Fossil Occupy?

§ **End Fossil: Occupy is an international action callout for students to occupy their schools and universities** anytime between September and December 2022 to end the fossil economy now. Under the common goal of smashing the fossil fuel industry in the deadlines of the climate crisis, hundreds of schools and universities will be occupied all over the world.

§ **Anyone from any part of the world can be part of it** as long as they do an occupation at a school or university on ending the fossil industry and they follow the **3 action principles**: youth-led occupation, climate justice framework for the demands, and occupy until they win the demands.

2. What's the demand?

§ **At international level the demand is to end the fossil economy now.** Science says we need to cut at least half of global emissions by 2030, which means we must urgently dismantle the fossil fuel industry and change the system.

§ Based on this international orientation, **each occupation chooses their own demand.** Because the fossil fuel industry has so many tentacles, the demands can vary depending on what's more impactful on the specific context between end fossil extraction, fossil finance, fossil funding, fossil investment, fossil infrastructures, fossil importing, among others.

§ Our intention is to occupy schools and universities in several places, **disrupting the normal functioning of society until the different local demands are met.**

§ *Add here info about your own local demands!*

3. Why occupations? And why schools and universities?

§ The youth movement has showed its strength, but recently it has been decreasing its mobilization and disruption power. **Emissions are increasing and the fossil fuel industry keeps growing its influence**, destroying our present and our future.

§ After years of marching and striking, we need to be **more radical in our actions and scale-up the conflict: the fossil fuel industry needs to be smashed, now.** To occupy is to disrupt normality. Instead of striking outside our schools and universities and going home at



the end of the day, we are occupying to shout loud and clear to the whole of society: our house is on fire, and we must not keep pretending everything is fine.

§ **We need to organize a mass climate justice movement that will win.** Sometimes our schools and universities are directly linked to the fossil fuel industry, other times they are just preparing us for a non-existent future, the future of fossil capitalism. In any case, as students we will use the spaces we have – our schools and universities – to organize the change of the course of history. The youth has the power to radically change the system.

4. What do you want to achieve?

§ We won't give in until we achieve the end of the fossil fuel era. **Our goal is to change the system by ending the fossil fuel industry at the international level.**

§ We are occupying to prove that **another world is possible**, a world without oppression and where profit is not at the center. We aim at **inspiring all of society**. We start as students, but we want all of society to take action against the fossil fuel industry and for climate justice.

§ *Add here information about your own local vision*

5. What is different about this youth action?

§ We are articulating dozens of youth groups around the world to radically escalate their tactics and their communication. **We are calling out every student:** if you attend school or university, organize an occupation there to demand the end of the fossil fuel era.

§ **Internationally we are stronger**, because the climate crisis is global and is already affecting the most vulnerable ones first, especially in the Global South. To end fossil fuels immediately, we need to smash the fossil fuel industry everywhere. Thus, local occupations are in contact with other occupations from around the world to share news, resources, and solidarity with each other.

§ Having local and concrete demands while at the same time following the principle of **occupy until you win** allows the local occupations to have a concrete purpose and goal, while being internationally tuned with the other occupations happening around the world.

6. How will the occupations unfold exactly, and how do you plan occupy?

§ *This a frequently asked question by the media, but there is no international answer. Make sure to have a local talking point about this one!*