



FOSSIL FREE

people & planet

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The fossil fuel industry is driving us towards global climate crisis.

From Canada's dirty tar sands to Arctic drilling, fracking for shale gas and land grabs in Columbia and Papua New Guinea for coal, the fossil fuel industry is scraping the bottom of the barrel, whilst destroying homes and communities across the world.

People & Planet is part of a global coalition that believes if it's wrong to wreck the climate, then it's wrong to profit from that wreckage. We are demanding that universities, faith groups, local authorities, pension funds and health groups divest from the fossil fuel industry.

Already over 746 institutions have divested over \$4.85trillion in just four years, including over 54 universities in the UK. We are starting to win and the industry is on the back foot. Join us in the quickest growing divestment movement ever.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- ✗ The planet's temperature has already risen by 1 degree. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says that even a 2 degree rise above pre-industrial temperatures is likely to have serious impacts, often disproportionately on the world's poorest and least responsible communities in the Global South.
- ✗ Scientists from around the world have calculated how much oil, coal and gas we can afford to burn before we reach this critical increase in temperature. The bad news is that fossil fuel companies hold five times more carbon in their fossil fuel reserves than we can safely afford to burn to stop runaway climate change – and are still spending billions searching for more.
- ✗ UK universities invest £5.2 billion in fossil fuel companies, propping up an unsustainable and risky industry. Many of our colleges and universities also support the industry through research and partnerships, giving companies like BP and Shell huge prestige.



Most UK universities refuse to accept funding from or invest their funds in tobacco companies, so why are they still investing in fossil fuel companies?

Our colleges and universities are meant to be role models in society, acting responsibly and helping create a future that is better for everyone. Their support of the fossil fuel industry goes against this vision in every way. It's time for change.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

To make our universities and colleges go Fossil Free, we need your help. There are lots of ways to get involved:

- X** Join People & Planet's Fossil Free campaign and get creative
- X** Start or sign a petition calling for your university or college to break its links with fossil fuels – campaigns.gofossilfree.org
- X** Take part in Go Green Week, our national week of action on climate change in February each year



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