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EUROPEAN YOUTH STANDS IN SOLIDARITY

Power Shift Sweden stands in solidarity with communities affected by climate change fuelled by dirty energy projects, calls to stop dirty energy and shift to renewable.

Malmö – This Sunday, 11th of October, several hundred young activists from across Europe will take part in an action as part of [Power Shift Sweden 2015](#). The Power Shift event brings youth from over 20 countries for an inspiring weekend of learning, workshops, actions and ideas sharing around climate justice. The action will happen between 11-12pm on Sunday in central Malmö and will be connected to the [Run for Your Life](#) project. The Run itself will be for climate justice as a main topic of this year's Power Shift and will be aligned with the demands of the worldwide [#ReclaimPower](#) actions that are taking place from October 9 to 10 to oppose dirty energy and call for a just transition to renewable energy.

“As concerned youth from across Europe we acknowledge our privilege to be able to come together, talk about and mobilize around climate justice. We are here to share tools to effectively address inequalities and discrimination generated by the impacts of climate change.”

Impacts of climate change are already devastating the planet and affecting the lives of millions of people worldwide. To address the problems climate change is causing will require addressing the root problems that have contributed to and are accelerating it, including dirty energy and inequality. Current energy systems are the fastest growing contributor to climate change by emitting gross amounts of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, yet leave 1.3 billion people without electricity and many more with barely enough.

Even though [Sweden is working towards being one of the first fossil fuel free countries in the world](#), across the globe we see energy systems for elites, dependent on dirty and harmful sources like coal, gas, oil, nuclear, waste-incineration and mega-hydro. With the action this Sunday, European youth will stand in solidarity with the ones that suffer the impacts of climate change fuelled by dirty energy projects and call for global energy transformation putting people and planet before profit. This year's [#ReclaimPower](#) was held a week after the deadline for countries to submit their climate plans to the UN climate body, as a global climate deal is set to be agreed in Paris in December this year. However, a recent study by Climate Interact shows that the pledges submitted so far are not enough to stave off dangerous global warming.

European Union's climate commitments are an insufficient contribution to global efforts in limiting global warming to less than 2°C and avoid runaway climate change. European countries, acting as unity at the upcoming climate negotiations, should increase their climate pledges and urge the creation of a global mechanism to review and increase domestic emission reductions.

“The action this Sunday will be in solidarity with those most affected running out and we want our leaders to act for climate justice lives.” Read more about Power Shift at www.powershift.se

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

High-resolution photos from today's action are attached. More photos of and other information on Power Shift Sweden, Run For Your Life and Reclaim Power actions worldwide can be found at www.powershiftsweden.org, www.runforyourlife.nu and www.reclaimpower.net.

In addition:

Run For Your Life is a relay race across Northern Europe to promote climate justice and a sustainable future. You can't run to Paris by yourself, but we can do it together. We will start in the Arctic region and end in Paris at the climate conference COP21. The race will cover over 4000 kilometres and last for about 20 days, running around the clock and involving thousands of people. Every participant will tell their own story and relate their personal reasons for running in this race. Local events will be organised all along the route the relay will take.

Reclaim Power is coordinated by a wide range of grassroots networks and climate groups, including 350.org, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development, Campaña Mesoamericana de Justicia Climática, Corporate Accountability International, Young Friends of the Earth Europe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Friends of the Earth International, Food and Water Watch, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, Global Call for Climate Action, Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice, Greenpeace International, International Rivers, LDC [Least Developed Countries] Watch, NGO Forum on ADB [Asian Development Bank], No REDD Africa, Oil Change International, Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance, Push Europe, South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication, Social Movements for an Alternative Asia, Young Friends of the Earth Europe, Third World Network, Climate Action Network International, and Zimbabwe Small Holder Organic Farmers Forum.