

Peaceful protest performances on the climate and nature emergency

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Bristol Climate Choir to join Restore Nature Now march

Environment campaigners, including Chris Packham and leaders from the National Trust and the RSPB, are urging everyone who cares for nature to unite and march through London to Parliament Square on Saturday 22 June, with a simple demand to all political parties: **Restore Nature Now**.

The participation of the Bristol Climate Choir adds a special touch, combining music and activism to amplify the message. The gathering aims to be the largest of its kind in the UK, emphasising the importance of protecting the climate and natural world, and sending a strong message to politicians ahead of the election. This event not only celebrates UK nature but also underscores the urgent need for political action to safeguard the environment.



The march will "Call on all political parties to take action to restore nature and tackle climate change in the UK".

The event is being organised by nature, wildlife, environment and climate organisations and individuals, including <u>Wildlife and Countryside Link</u>, <u>RSPB</u>, <u>Woodland Trust</u>, <u>National Trust</u>, <u>Rewilding Britain</u> and <u>Extinction Rebellion</u>. More than <u>300 organisations</u> have now signed up to support the march.

The <u>Climate Choir Movement</u> is going to be an important part of this national rally and will be singing in Parliament Square on and in front of the main stage.

Jo Flanagan from Bristol, co-founder of the Climate Choir Movement, said:

"Choir singers, some 200 of them, will be led by six suited, masked men representing corporations who are financing and ensuring climate and nature destruction. The choir will be marching under a banner carrying the words from a Patti Smith's song 'People Have The Power to Redeem the Work of Fools' alongside another banner carrying the words of a Cree proverb: 'Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money'.

"With the election in mind, hundreds of voices will show politicians from all parties that people want them to prioritise protecting the natural living world."

About the Climate Choir Movement:

The Climate Choir Movement, founded in Bristol in 2022, uses voices in peaceful and creative protests highlighting those who are most contributing to the climate emergency.

The choir has performed inside museums and bank AGMs, outside investment companies, courts and cathedrals and earlier in 2024 processed through the Houses of Parliament with smuggled-in banners highlighting that "green energy is cheap energy," and calling for "No More Drilling in the North Sea":-

https://youtu.be/7NxYtpJVsYA?si=qLpUWndI6PEQ-eMk

The Climate Choir Movement has grown rapidly and now boasts some 700 singers in participating choirs in Ballycastle (N Ireland), Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Forest of Dean,

Guildford, London, Oxford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Sheffield, Southampton, Swansea and Zimbabwe.

More information can be found at https://climatechoirmovement.org/ and here https://bit.ly/48slWcc.

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Images: These will be available on https://tinyurl.com/4s72eprd later pm on 22nd June.