

Climate Choir Movement Articles of Association

We, the Climate Choir Movement (CCM), use our singing voices and creativity to raise awareness about the state of the climate and nature crisis and possible solutions. Our protests are often aimed towards parts of the financial sector who are funding and insuring environmental destruction. Some of our members support existing climate protest movements; others haven't engaged in non-violent protest before but feel moved to do so in the face of inadequate political leadership around the globe. In accordance with these goals, we ask choirs of the CCM to agree to the following:

1. We are a choir movement that engages in non-violent actions with a mission to engage people who are concerned about the climate and ecological emergency. We aim as far as possible to be non-arrestable, and to engage positively with members of the public and those we are targeting. We do not engage in aggressive behaviour; we do not exhibit any kinds of violence or property destruction. We see the climate crisis as one that disproportionately affects people of colour, and we support reparations to countries hit first and worst by climate change in acknowledgement of the legacy of colonialism. Our aim is to increase the diversity in our choirs - in race, age, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. The Climate Choir Movement comes together for six main actions a year: we ask you to please prioritise these dates, which will be communicated as far in advance as possible. Our strength is in numbers, and our aim is to use our voices and energy to maximum effect. Our main strategy is to target those who are profiting from climate breakdown at their centres of power (mostly in London), and also to join mass nature and climate-focused demonstrations. Our plan is to fundraise to reimburse choirs who are further from London for their travel expenses. To avoid burnout, we also aim to spread our main actions throughout the year. You are welcome to self-organise locally but please try not to clash dates with the main actions.
3. Our actions are decided by a central committee (the Core Group, based in Bristol). We welcome suggestions of actions: please email bristol@climatechoirmovement.org to put them forward. We will update all choirs promptly via the local whatsapp groups, and via briefings in the monthly zoom rehearsals which are held every first Wednesday of the month. We also have a mailing list for those on whatsapp - email the email address above to be added.
4. Please just use Climate Choir Movement banners on Climate Choir Movement actions. While we are in support of XR, JSO and the rest of the climate movement, we would like to keep our banners and messaging distinct and clear and we think this messaging is more effective in terms of (works better for) media outreach.

5. Please learn the official CCM songs, which can be found at <https://climatechoirmovement.org/songs>. The official songs are what we use in the central actions and they are decided by committee. If you have suggestions, please email musicaldirector@climatechoirmovement.org. You are welcome to use other songs on local actions - but please ensure they align with our ethos.

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