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## DEAR CLIMATE CHANGEMAKER,

This is a very special mission as it is an invitation to join children across Scotland for day of national action called **The Moment**. Let us tell you a little bit about why this is such an important day...

In November 2021, Scotland will host an international conference run by the **United Nations**, bringing together countries from all around the world to discuss how they are going to tackle the climate emergency, and how they are going to work together. This is called **COP26**. This is very important as in the past, these discussions have failed to produce real results. It's really important that children's views and ideas are heard as children are already experiencing the impact of climate change and will continue to do so in the future.

### What is the United Nations (UN)?

The United Nations is made up of 193 countries. It is often called the UN. It was set up in 1945 after the Second World War as a way of bringing people together and promoting peace.

We know that children also have big ideas and bold Calls to Action for adult decision-makers in Scotland to make sure the big changes needed happen now. On the 29th October 2021 (one week before COP26 begins), Children's Parliament is supporting children across Scotland to meet with their elected representatives to talk about your Calls to Action. This day is called **The Moment**.

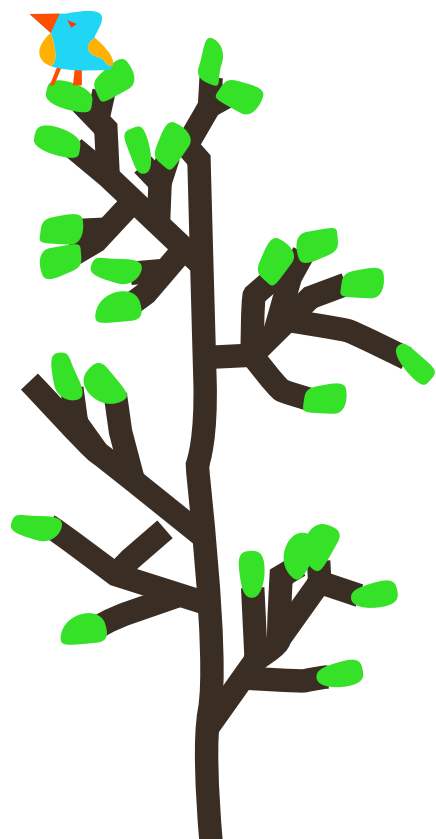
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Children's stories from this day will be shared with leaders during COP26 to remind them of children's Calls to Action from across Scotland.

This guide has everything you need to know about how to plan and host a 'climate surgery' with your elected representatives. If you have any questions or need help finding your elected representative to set up a children's surgery, you can email [info@childrensparliament.co.uk](mailto:info@childrensparliament.co.uk).

We hope you enjoy being part of **The Moment** – we can't wait to hear what you get up to!

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# MISSION 3: CHECKLIST

## ☐ INVITE YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

First, find your elected representatives and their contact details using the website: [theyworkforyou.com](https://www.theyworkforyou.com). With the support of a trusted adult, use our **Invitation to The Moment** template in this guide to write to or email your elected representative about your Calls to Action and setting up a climate surgery on the day of The Moment. This may be an online surgery (using an online call platform) or if safe to do so, it could be in person in your school.

**Remember! You can do this by yourself or why not team up with other children in your school or community.**

## ☐ PREPARING FOR THE MOMENT

With the support of your trusted adult, work through the Investigate and Have Your Say activities at [climatechangemakers.scot](https://www.climatechangemakers.scot) to prepare the Calls to Action you would like to discuss. You might like to use the calendar we've created to help you plan out what you want to do in the weeks leading up to The Moment.

## ☐ THE MOMENT – 29TH OCTOBER 2021

The day has arrived and it's your time to speak to your elected representative about your Call to Action! You might like to use the **Wishing Tree** and **Conversation Suitcase** activities in [Have Your Say Mission 2](#) to guide your conversation. You might even like to play a game or lead a creative activity together – anything you feel will bring your Calls to Action to life.



## ❑ CAPTURING THE MOMENT

During your meeting for The Moment, ask your supporting, trusted adult to help you get permission to take pictures and notes of your conversations with the elected representatives. After The Moment, we would love to hear all your stories from the day.

**There are three ways to do this:**

- Add your climate surgery to **The Map!** Head over to [climatechangemakers.scot](https://climatechangemakers.scot) to share what you did on our interactive map of action.
- Tag us on **social media** using the hashtag **#TheMoment** and @creative\_voices (Twitter) @childrensparliament (Instagram)
- You can **write a short story** or **draw a picture** about how it went and send it to us. If you share photos, make sure everyone in the photos has given permission for it to be shared. You can email us at [info@childrensparliament.org.uk](mailto:info@childrensparliament.org.uk)

## ❑ KEEPING HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE

Remember, the most important thing is that you feel happy, healthy and safe. It is up to you whether or not you want to get involved: your participation in The Moment is entirely up to you. Even in The Moment, **it's up to you what you want to say and share.** We've created a guide for adults to help keep you happy, healthy and safe before, during and after The Moment. You can point them to this at [climatechangemakers.scot](https://climatechangemakers.scot).

**Good luck, Climate Changemaker!**





# INVITATION TO THE MOMENT

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old and I live in the area that you represent. I am a Climate Changemaker from the Children's Parliament in Scotland.

I have been thinking about what Scotland can do to tackle the climate emergency. As a child growing up in Scotland, I have the right to a happy, healthy, and safe future. I have thought about what climate change means for me and other children's futures and why adult decision-makers should take our ideas seriously.

I have learned \_\_\_\_\_.

I think it is important to listen to children because \_\_\_\_\_.

My Call to Action to you is \_\_\_\_\_.

I think this is important because \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to know what you are doing to help Scotland tackle the climate emergency and what you will do about my Call to Action. On the 29th October 2021, children all over Scotland are inviting their elected representatives to meet with them for a national event called The Moment. I would like to arrange a climate surgery with you online or, if it is safe, in my school on this day to discuss my Call to Action. Please let me know how we can make this happen.

Thank you,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name)



# CALENDAR CHALLENGE

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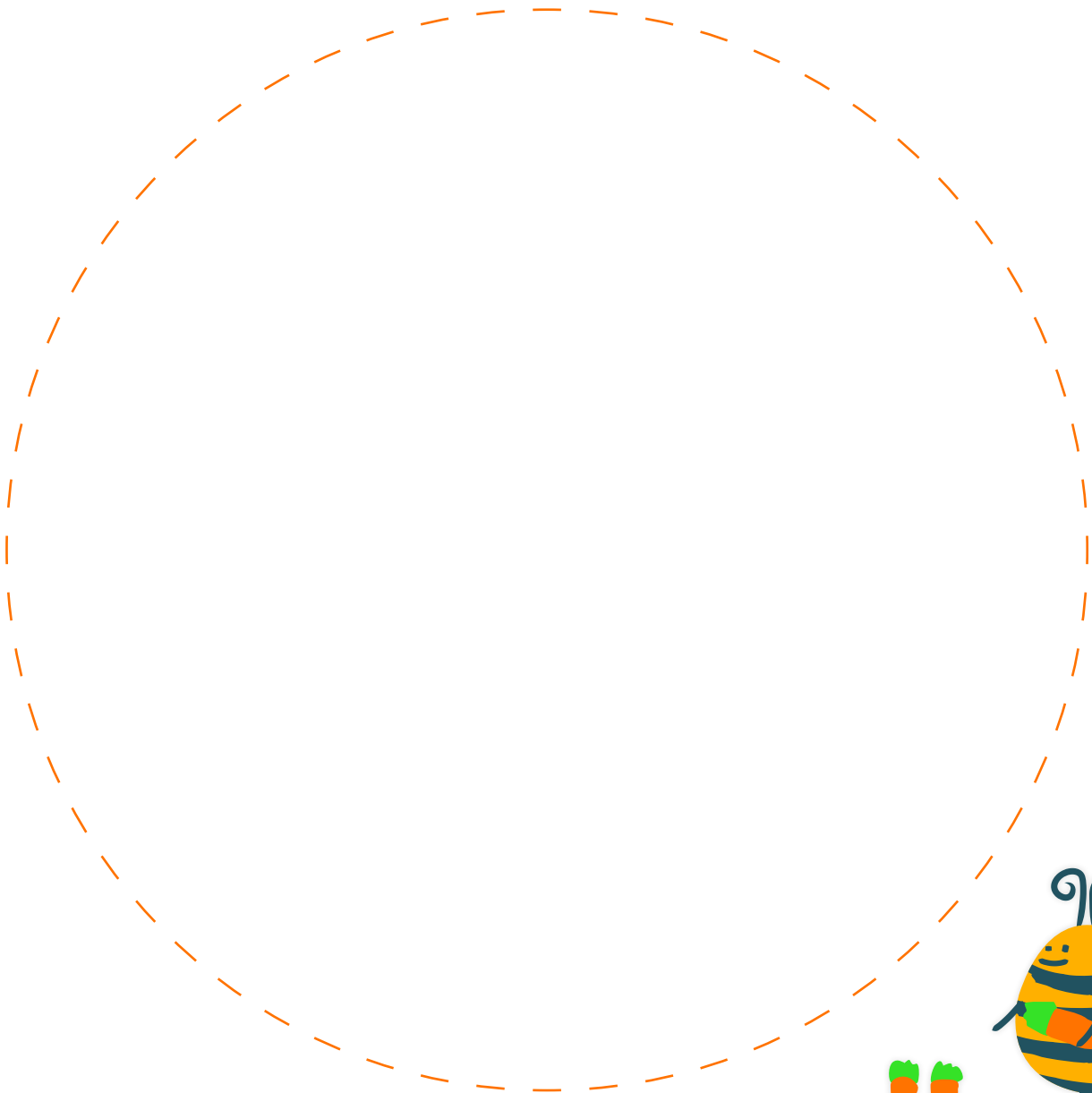
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# CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Write a story or draw a picture about your discussion with your elected representative as part of The Moment. Use the following questions to reflect on how it went:

- What was your Call to Action?
- Tell us your favourite thing about meeting your elected representative.
- How did speaking to adults make you feel?
- What do you wish for adults in Scotland to do next about your Call to Action?

Next, upload your event to The Map at [climatechangemakers.scot](https://climatechangemakers.scot) and email us your stories and drawings to be featured on the Our Stories page.





# CONGRATULATIONS, CLIMATE CHANGEMAKER!

## DEAR CLIMATE CHANGEMAKER,

You are truly amazing! Thank you for all your effort and engagement with this investigation! We hope that your calls to action will inspire decision-makers across Scotland, the UK and the world to promote the changes needed to tackle the climate emergency.

Even though you have completed your Climate Changemakers investigation, this is just the start of the journey. Here are some ways to continue your amazing work as Climate Changemakers:

- You can keep in touch with your elected representatives to make sure they are listening to you and keeping you updated on what they are doing to take your ideas forward.
- You could get in touch with the local media to speak about your Calls to Action and raise awareness about climate change with people in your community and across Scotland.
- You could get creative to share your ideas to different audiences. Could you use song, dance, poetry, or acting to spread the word?
- You can continue to learn about the changes we can make as individuals too, and inspire your family, friends and community members to take action. You can look at our [“More Inspiration” website page](#) for lots of amazing ideas and projects you can get involved in.

We can't wait to hear what you get up to next. Thank you for being an inspirational children's human rights defender and Climate Changemaker.

A huge well done from all of us!

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