

**For #ClimateJustice and #ClimateJobs, meet at #Croke21 in Dublin 1 on Saturday 28 Nov and Join the People's March on Sunday 29 Nov at 2pm CHQ**



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*All over the world this weekend, in over 2000 cities and towns, people will come together to ask governments to take action on climate change. Here's my short reflection which I will be sharing at the Dublin march on Sunday.*

*Lorna Gold - Blog: <http://charityandjustice.net/>*

We are here today because we understand what is at stake.  
We have accepted the science.  
It tells us our world is in trouble;  
We have made a choice that we must act.  
Each of us has come on a journey,  
And now we stand together.  
Shoulder to shoulder,  
Speaking with one voice:  
We want decisive action.  
We regret that too much time has passed,  
Too many empty words have been spoken,  
Too many excuses have been made.  
We just don't buy it any more.

Too much is at stake.  
We are here today because we care.  
In our hearts we know  
Things cannot continue the way they are going.  
We cannot continue to pump out  
polluting gases  
from our homes,  
Our cars,  
Our factories,  
Our farms,  
Our lives  
And act like it doesn't matter.  
It does.

**We are here today** because  
We believe another world is possible,  
We are prepared to put ourselves  
on the line to build it.  
We know that solutions exist  
And we are demanding  
that our leaders step up.

**We are here today**, above all,  
because we know that there are  
many victims in the climate crisis,  
**Yet their voices are silent  
in the corridors of power.**

**If we stop and listen,  
we will hear their cries....**

Cries of peoples on the tiny atoll  
islands of the south Pacific,  
the drought ridden plains  
of the Horn of Africa,  
the flood hit plains of Bangladesh...  
People forced to flee as a result  
of conflicts and disasters  
made far worse by climate change.  
**Cries the future generations,  
our children and grandchildren,  
who will face a future  
of insecurity and conflict,  
a burden we seem content  
to place on their shoulders.**  
Cries of thousands of other species  
with whom we share  
this beautiful mother earth.

**Their cries should be deafening,  
yet their silence speaks volumes.**

**Who will be their voice?  
Who will speak for them in Paris?**

**We are here today** because we  
want to ensure that their voices  
are heard in the negotiating rooms  
in Paris.

**That their rights are recognised  
and protected  
and the ecological debt  
we owe them is paid.**

We are here today because  
we know that we can only change  
and build this future  
if we connect with each other and  
make our presence felt.

**“To change everything, it takes  
everyone”.**

Neighbour with neighbour,  
community with community,  
leader with leader,  
nation with nation.  
Bridging divisions, healing divides.  
Finding common purpose.

Right across the world today,  
tens of millions of people are coming  
to the same conclusion.

Our voice of hope is far stronger  
than the one that tells us  
we are doomed.

And let's be clear:  
this is just beginning.

Paris will at best, open the door.  
**But we will not stop, because  
our hearts tell us that this is world  
is worth fighting for.**