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## KLIMAWACHE BONN

### **Bonn asked to declare climate emergency**

**Alliance of students, parents and climate guardians submits citizens' request**

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**Bonn • To ensure that climate protection is consistently taken into account: together with the Fridays for Future Bonn and the Parents for Future Bonn, representatives of the Klimawache Bonn have prepared a citizens' request (legal: Bürgerantrag) for a declaration of a climate emergency, which will now be submitted to Bonn City Council.**

**more information:**  
<https://www.klimabuendnis-hamm.de/nrw-erklaert-den-klimanotstand/>

Over the last few months we have seen students of all ages taking to the streets in the name of climate protection. Since February the Klimawache Bonn have been gathering with fellow citizens on the Münsterplatz and most recently we have seen the establishment of the local group "Parents for Future". They all pursue the same goal: more and consistent climate protection.

"To overcome the climate crisis, we must finally take decisive action - at all levels," says Nils von Delft of the Klimawache Team. That is why climate protection must be given top priority in the City of Bonn. This is exactly what the citizens' request is calling for in order to declare a climate emergency. Worldwide, 443 municipalities have already declared a climate emergency, including cities such as London, Vancouver and Basel. In the state of North Rhine-Westphalia alone, similar citizens' requests have been submitted to 38 cities. "Because Bonn is contributing to the climate catastrophe, we expect the city to take responsibility for this and declare a climate emergency. Climate change must be seen and treated as the existential crisis it really is," affirms Fridays activist Ilja Illert.

"Here in Bonn, we are home to the UNFCCC Secretariat, the Federal Environment Ministry and many organisations that deal with climate justice worldwide. We have a particular responsibility here to become a pioneer in municipal climate protection," explains Karl-Wilhelm Wilke of the Parents for Future.

With the climate emergency, the city acknowledges that we are in the middle of a climate crisis. It is committed to taking climate protection into account in all its decisions and also to campaigning for climate protection at state level, in the Association of German Cities and Towns and other bodies.