

# How XR started

In 2018 a report was released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - part of the United Nations. It stated, "There is a need for urgent action: The world needs to undergo an urgent and rapid transformation to a global clean energy economy."

This became the catalyst for the formation of XR. In October 2018 we launched a rebellion against the UK Government due to its inaction on the global climate and nature emergencies. Around 1500 people joined us outside the Houses of Parliament to read a **Declaration of Rebellion**. This powerful and emotional statement ends with these words:

We refuse to bequeath a dying planet to future generations by failing to act now.  
We act in peace, with ferocious love of these lands in our hearts. We act on behalf of life.

Since then XR has evolved into a worldwide movement attempting to bring about meaningful action on the worldwide climate and nature emergency.

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/2P6UJyaeT4M?si=uLE5iGTax1C5yw\\_Z](https://www.youtube.com/embed/2P6UJyaeT4M?si=uLE5iGTax1C5yw_Z)

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