



Loss and Damage Awareness Day

23 September 2021

What is Loss and Damage Awareness Day?

Under the banner of 'Make Polluters Pay', a coalition of campaigners and charities has come together to launch a new global Loss and Damage Awareness Day on 23 September 2021.

We want to raise the profile of loss and damage in the UK and we're calling on the UK government to support the creation of a new international fund for loss and damage.

OK, but what is 'loss and damage'?

We've all heard about the impacts of our climate changing. For many, this is not just a warning about how things will be in the future. Take Cyclone Idai, which killed more than 1,000 people, left 400,000 homeless and destroyed 700,000 hectares of crops when it struck Mozambique in 2019. Translated to a UK context, that's almost as many people as the entire population of Bristol left without a home and destruction equivalent to more than the entire county of Cumbria.

Loss and damage caused by climate change is a present reality for people around the world, and it is getting worse every year. Despite being recognised in a key global climate agreement known as the Paris Agreement, there has been no progress on where the money to pay for loss and damage should come from.

It's a priority for countries most vulnerable to climate breakdown and we see it as fundamental to climate justice.

Note: Climate justice calls for moving away from extractive systems of production, consumption and political oppression, and towards resilient, regenerative and equitable economies.

Whether you consider it solidarity, compensation, or reparations, we know hundreds of billions a year are needed. And that money must come from those who caused the crisis: polluters.

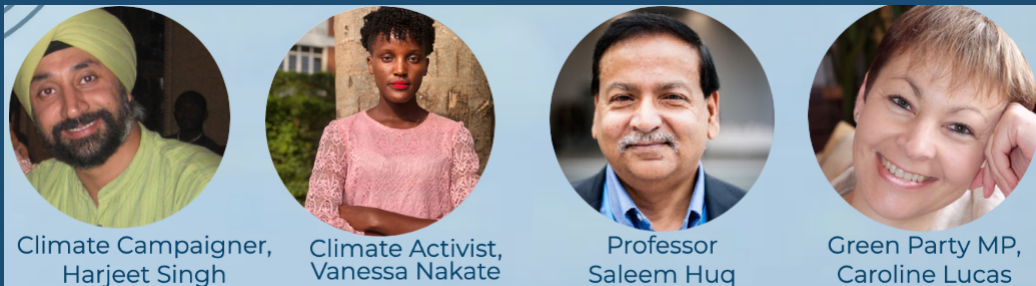
What is planned?

* THROUGHOUT THE DAY *

VIGIL We're asking people to hold vigils across the UK for loss and damage. Take a [look at our handy guide](#) and let us know your plans at climatejustice@quaker.org.uk.

DIGITAL ACTION We'll be running a digital art action spelling out why polluters must pay. Follow the Loss & Damage Youth Coalition @LossDamageYouth to join in!

* AT 3PM BST *



FILM LAUNCH AND PANEL We're launching a new short film featuring climate activists Vanessa Nakate, Prof Saleemul Huq and Harjeet Singh. Join us for the film screening and panel event with our film speakers and Caroline Lucas MP [Get tickets here.](#)

As part of the film launch, we'll be asking you to [sign our new petition to the UK Prime Minister](#). Please help us gather as many signatures as possible so we can make our message to No. 10 Downing Street **LOUD AND CLEAR!**

See you there!

What next?

Our work is only just beginning on Loss and Damage Awareness Day!

Go to makepolluterspay.co.uk to find more actions and resources including our petition, a Conversation Starter to help you talk about loss and damage with your family, friends and communities and our joint Make Polluters Pay declaration.

You can also read more about loss and damage on the Loss and Damage Collaboration (L&DC) website. For a detailed overview of what is needed go to 'Resources' > 'Unpacking finance for loss and damage'. Or for a quicker overview, check out infographics on the L&DC Instagram page.



Join us for Loss and Damage Awareness Day and beyond to help spread the word!

Have a question?

Email climatejustice@quaker.org.uk