

Title : The planet is sick

Description :

As part of the Rise Up For Change week (with Extinction Rebellion, Climate Strike Switzerland, Collective Climate Justice and Greenpeace Switzerland) in September 2020 in Bern, Switzerland, the Doctors for XR - Rebellion for Health – staged a happening to warn the population by comparing the elevation of temperature of the human body in relation to that of our planet and expressing their concern for their patients.

Text of the play : can be used and shared freely

Until the advent of the industrial era, humans had no influence on the climate. The climate did not endanger humans.

In the 1970s, scientists became aware of the problem, but the first warnings reasoned in a vacuum, as did all the following ones.

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We were at +0.4°C.

Currently, the intergovernmental agreements and conventions were not respected and did not lead to any tangible results, which go in the right direction. « Business as usual » has prevailed and the whole planet is not well.

The current situation is serious! Citizens, politicians, we have remained deaf to the warnings of scientists and have been inactive despite the first international commitments.

GONG- the temperatur goes up on the thermometer

Today the planet is at +1.1°C. That is as if we had a 38.1°C fever. There are more and more extreme climatic events and catastrophies in the world, which have led to 70 million internally displaced people in one year.

Catastrophies, catastrophies, catastrophies

Today, in California, a little girl called Victoria, her mum Hannah and her dad Mickael, put the dog in the car and abandoned their house to escape the flames, which were reaching their garden fence. The air was unbreathable, everyone was suffocating, they had to flee in order to escape certain death.

In India, Sahar and her brother Rajan are crying. They lost their grandmother Indira who died of thirst this spring because there wasn't any water and the heat was well above average.

Thirst, thirst, thirst

In Ethiopia, Soliana is hungry, she cries, she is inconsolable. Her parents, Samrawith and Chichai have nothing to feed her. The drought has been so severe that there is nothing to harvest in their fields.

Hunger, hunger, hunger

In Switzerland, we are already at +2.°C. Last summer, during the heatwave, Raymonde is seriously

ill, she was found on the ground by her grandson Nicolas. She drank all the water she could and closed her shutters to keep the heat out, but it wasn't enough. The heat wave knocked her out.

Heart attack, heart attack, heart attack

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Nothing has been done, still business as usual. Now, we are in 2030, the temperature of the planet is +2°C, the earth shivers, it has a fever of 39°C.

Both Emma and Kevin had always dreamed of going to the Maldives for their honeymoon. The project fell through because the sea level rose and covered the island of Mafuri. Their honeymoon will therefore take place elsewhere... The Maldivians had no choice but to emigrate to Sri Lanka.

Flee, flee, flee

In the Swiss canton of Ticino, Federico emptied all the flowerpots to avoid the stagnant water which attracts mosquitoes. He bought a mosquito net for his son, because a large epidemic of dengue fever was raging, transmitted by the tiger mosquito, that had colonised Switzerland. Federico shakes like a leaf, he consults his doctor, who confirms the diagnosis of dengue fever, but there is no specific treatment for this disease. There have already been 10 deaths in the area.

Epidemics, epidemics, epidemics

Eleonore already coughs in February, her allergy to birch pollen has started, because spring is there. She inhales her asthma spray but nothing helps, she can't breathe. Desperate, her parents call the ambulance. Eleonore is transferred to intensive care but nothing can be done for her anymore.

Respiratory distress, respiratory distress, respiratory distress

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In 2050, nothing has been done, the temperature of the planet is +4°C, the earth has lost consciousness, it is as if we had 41°C of fever.

There is no more news from Africa, Asia or the Americas...

In Switzerland, Grandma Ginette is totally dehydrated, the heat wave has no end. Martin is worried about his wife and children and wanders through the markets looking for a tomato... Nicolas, his son, has lost weight, he hasn't had enough to eat for a month. Juliette, his mother, is busy finding water. The municipality distributes 1 liter per family per day. Day zero, when there will be no water at all, is approaching fast.

Their neighbours have left to take refuge in northern Europe. Juliette and Martin are worried. They see no future for themselves and their son. Several of their friends are already dead.

Death, death, death

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The dead pile up by the thousands, but as long as there are still people alive, it is not too late. All is not lost. Help us protect the health of people here and abroad...

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