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Climate Champions Wanted! A Climate Action Day at the Futurium

The Climate Action Day will take place at the Futurium on 3 June 2018 from 11:00 to 18:00 as part of the Workshop Weeks. The house of futures will be offering a platform to activists and climate researchers, organising round tables with experts, and providing all sorts of opportunities for the whole family to participate. A keynote speech will be given by the internationally renowned researcher Professor Dr Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK, Institute of the Leibniz Association).

Climate protection is a task for the whole of society. The effects of human-made climate change cannot be overlooked: polar caps are melting and extreme weather conditions on the increase. No one can save the world on their own, but we can all do our bit towards saving it together. And towards that goal, all our imaginative powers and ideas – as crazy as they might at first glance seem – can be of use. “The worst possible thing for us to do would be to try to save the world in the best possible way,” says Professor Dr Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK). “I’ll be completely satisfied if we save the world in a chaotic, suboptimal and possibly even crazy way. But let’s just make sure we save it.”

The Climate Action Day is about the things we can actually do for climate protection in our everyday lives. The possibilities in this regard range from changing our eating habits and switching to alternative means of transport to establishing initiatives for climate-conscious living. Professor Dr Schellnhuber will be giving a lecture on “Climate Change 4.0”. Climate protection as a task for us all is the theme that will be expanded upon in brief lectures to be given by a number of scientists and entrepreneurs. A panel discussion will provide the opportunity for representatives of climate-protection organisations to come together with company founders committed to climate protection to present their views. What motivates them to commit themselves and what are their concrete proposals for solving the challenges of climate change?

The dance company Asphalt Piloten will contribute an artistic perspective to the programme with its performance “TAPE RIOT” – a mixture of modern dance, tape art and urban composition. Dr Andreas Pohlmann will be presenting a photo exhibition with panoramic portraits of German climate researchers. And the Berlin theatre and performance collective Turbo Pascal will be gathering visitors together for an interactive theatrical performance about ecological footprints and climate concerns.

Visitors will be able to try things out and experiment at numerous interactive stations throughout the building: from self-made energy converters to climate-friendly architecture of the future, from the open-source weather station senseBox to new forms of mobility with load bicycles.

The Urban Gardening project on the forecourt of the Futurium shows how urban plants can contribute to the urban climate. In workshops, visitors will be able to make their own “seed balls” for greening the city, while in the Science Café they will have a chance to talk to people who themselves in the post-war period and the GDR cultivated fruit and vegetables in the city for their own use.

A talk between Dr habil. Fritz A. Reusswig (PIK) and Dr Stefan Brandt (Director of the Futurium) recapping on the day's events will round off the programme.

The Climate Action Day will provide even its youngest guests with lots of fun and games. In the children's area on the ground floor, children aged three to five will be able to build weather stations, paint creatures of the future, help marine animals (by fishing for plastic bottles) and try out skill games.

The Climate Action Day will be taking place in the context of the Futurium's Workshop Weeks from 30 May to 9 June 2018. We extend a cordial invitation to our visitors to get to know our work at this house of futures and to take a peek behind the scenes at the Futurium as it strides towards its launch in spring 2019. The Workshop Weeks at the Futurium have been organised under the heading "Areas of Tension. Approaching Possible Futures". They will concern the major issues of the future, such as digitisation, civic involvement, climate protection and sustainability – always under the guiding question "How do we want to live?". Admission is free, except on the Long Night of the Sciences.

Programme Overview Climate Action Day:

- 11:00 – 18:00. Future energy is: self-produced. Interactive point for building different energy converters
- 11:00 – 18:00. Mobility of tomorrow: alternative cycling
- 11:00 – 18:00. Promising nutrition of the future: the taste and cost of climate
- 11:00 – 18:00. Showcase at the Futurium Lab with interactive installations about climate-friendly construction and the architecture of the future, as well as workshops on open-source weather stations
- 11:00 – 18:00. Photo exhibition: panoramic portraits of German climatologists
- 11:00 – 18:00. Urban Gardening on the Futurium forecourt
- 11:00 – 18:00. Art installation Human – Nature – Technology
- 11:00 – 18:00. Short films: Future
- 11:00 – 18:00. Tours of the building
- From 11:00. Asphalt Piloten: TAPE RIOT. Tape art and dance performance
- 11:20. Keynote speech by Professor Dr Hans Joachim Schellnhuber (PIK)
- Around 11:40: talk between Professor Dr Hans Joachim Schellnhuber (PIK) and Dr Stefan Brandt (Director of the Futurium), moderated by Barbara Scherle
- 11:30, 12:30, 13:30, 15:00, 16:00, 17:00. Interactive theatrical performance about our life in the future and how we act to protect the climate
- Every half hour between 11:30 and 17:00. "Futuristic Scenarios" – an interactive tour
- 12:30 – 14:00. Science Café: Saving the world from our balconies with home-grown tomatoes?
- 13:00 – 13:45. Becoming engaged: panel discussion
- 14:00 – 18:00. Exchanging ideas: at the Office of Ideas
- 14:00 – 14:30: Lightning talk by Dr Ingo Bräuer (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research – PIK)
- 14:30 – 15:00: Lightning talk by Rolf Mienkus (NEUE MOBILITÄT BERLIN, Distribut-e, insel-projekt.berlin UG)
- 15:00 – 15:30: Lightning talk by Dr Kathrin Specht (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- 15:30 – 16:00: Lightning talk by Christoph Rinke (BürgerEnergie Berlin eG)
- 16:00 – 16:30: Lightning talk by Dr habil. Fritz A. Reusswig (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research – PIK)
- 17:00 – 17:45. Final discussion: What did we learn from the Action Day? With Dr habil. Fritz A. Reusswig (PIK) and Dr Stefan Brandt (Director of the Futurium), moderated by Barbara Scherle

Programme of the Workshop Weeks:

<https://www.futurium.de/en/news/workshop-weeks>

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About the Futurium

The Futurium is a house of futures. It unites under the same roof a museum of the future with vivid scenarios, a laboratory of the future in which visitors can make their own explorations, a forum of the future for dialogue between players from different spheres as well as a stage of the future for artistic projects. Foreseeable, imaginable and desirable drafts of possible futures are presented and discussed at the Futurium. Getting to know what's new, questioning the familiar, and picking up on stimuli that lead to action – the Futurium allows its visitors a glimpse into the world of tomorrow. The major question "How do we want to live?" always remains at the core of the issues under consideration. The Futurium pools experts and players from the spheres of science and culture, politics, business and society – in the exhibition and in experiments, in discussions and in concerts, in workshops and in debates. More than 5,000 square metres on three floors are available for this purpose. The Futurium, which is situated in the vicinity of Berlin's central station at the very heart of the city, will be launched in spring 2019.