

Kids call on G8 leaders during Japanese Prime Minister's visit to Berlin: "Save our world!"

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While German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda met in Berlin Sunday afternoon, 20 children presented their demands for a sustainable future to the upcoming G8 summit on Japanese-style invocation flags in front of the chancellery.

"We ask for action from the world's leaders to assure that we have a future," says 13-year old Niclas from Hamburg. He is one of thousands of youngsters in 35 countries who have joined in the World Future Council's international "KidsCall" campaign. They have a single demand: "Let us stop acting today as though there was no tomorrow."

"It is time for the decision-makers of today to listen to the decision-makers of tomorrow," says World Future Council Chair Bianca Jagger. "We are betraying future generations by failing to protect the planet. It is time to listen to their concerns."

The KidsCall Team's recent visit to Asia inspired them to use the medium of Japanese invocation flags on which the children have painted their slogans: "Stop chopping down the rain forests!", "Why do you feed our food to cars?", "Do you want to leave us a dead planet?"

"We are calling on the children of the world to join us," say Bianca Jagger, "I launched the Kids call campaign last year at the Live Earth concert in Hamburg. Since then we have collected many thousands of letters, videos, and drawings from kids from around the world who wish to express their concerns about climate change to the world's leaders."

We are seeking to deliver the thousands of messages we have collected to the G8 heads-of-state at their July summit in Japan. Children who wish to join the campaign can find additional information at www.worldfuturecouncil.org.

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