



NFI Activities Highlights & Outlook

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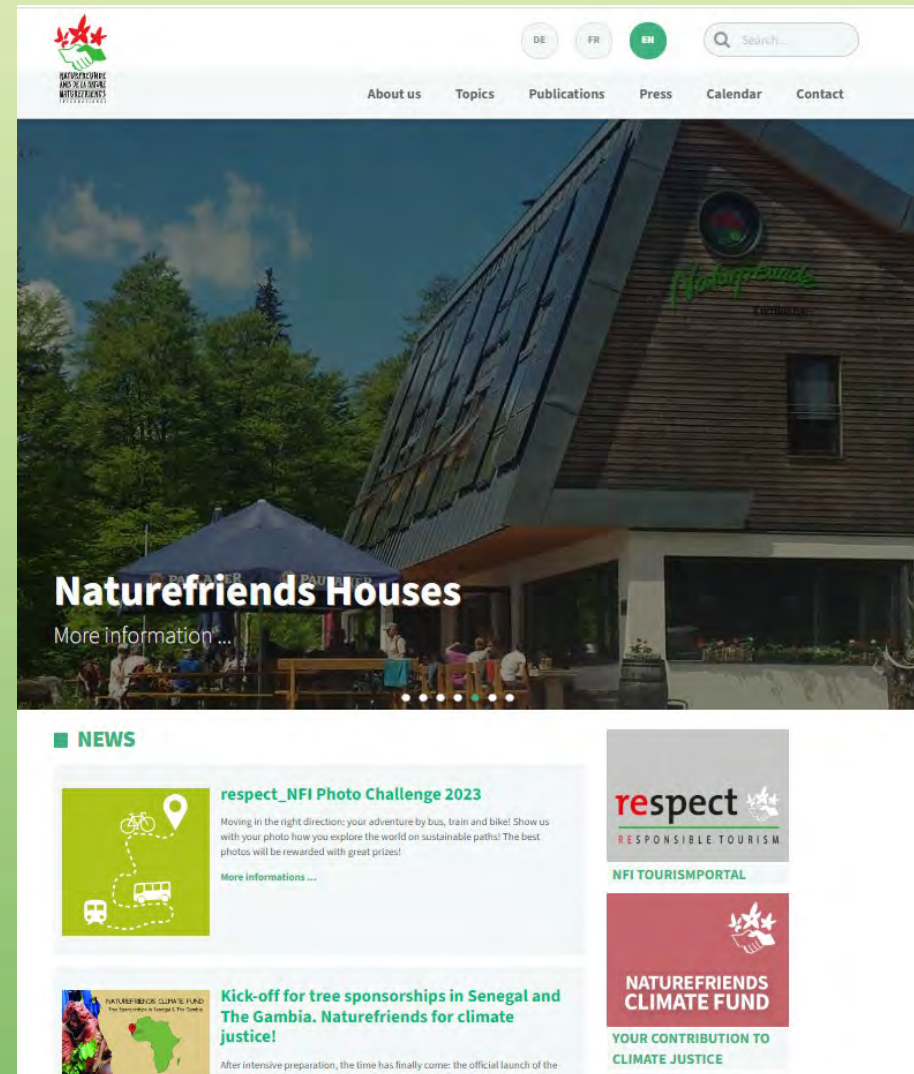


...to raise the visibility of Naturefriends

...to boost exchange of experience between our members

- Website with overview on NF Houses

<https://www.nf-int.org>



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➤ Newsletter

<https://www.nf-int.org/newsletter>



NFI Newsletter

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NFI Newsletter

The NFI Newsletter provides regular information about the activities Naturefriends movement as well as news from the areas of sustainable development, nature & environmental protection, climate protection, justice and EU politics.

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➤ Social Media: 426,000 persons reached in 2023

Naturefriends International
16. August um 10:36 · 🌐

🌟 #naturefriendshouses in the spotlight! Be our guest & enjoy nature at its best! 🌟

☀️ It's getting hot out here! Dreaming of a cool escape? Why not stay at the [Wallerseehaus](#), a hidden gem by Lake Wallersee, #Austria? 🇦🇹 Located on the northern shore, this [Naturfreunde Salzburg](#) house boasts stunning lakeside views, a private footbridge, and a sprawling sunbathing lawn—perfect for those lazy summer days.

🌐 ... Mehr anzeigen

Naturefriends International
7 Std. · 🌐

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🇨🇭 🏠 Escape to the Alpstein, Switzerland! 🏔️ Located 1250m above sea level in the stunning Alpstein region, the Tannhütte of St. Gallen Naturefriends Section is the perfect base for exploring one of Switzerland's most breathtaking hiking and climbing areas. Whether you're planning a weekend retreat or a longer stay, our cosy mountain hut offers comfort and adventure for everyone—families, gr... Mehr anzeigen

Naturefriends International
9. August um 08:00 · 🌐

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🇫🇷 Discover Préfaïlles: A Jewel on the Southern Jade Coast, #Bretagne #France! 🌊

🌿 Stay at the beautiful gîte and campsite « PORT aux GOTHES », managed year-round by the dedicated volunteers of Les Amis de la Nature Nantes. Perfect for group stays or solo adventures.

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#NaturefriendsHouses

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Naturefriends International
10. Juli · 🌍

Join the movement for climate justice this summer under the Naturefriends Climate Fund umbrella!

Get active and make a difference with our campaign for **#climatejustice** and international solidarity. Discover tips and ideas on contributing to a greener, fairer world by travelling sustainably, earning new things, experiencing lasting adventures and giving back to the **#NaturefriendsClimateFund**.

Want to learn more about fair travel in a **#playful** way? Then take part in our o... Mehr anzeigen

RESPECT_NFI PHOTO CHALLENGE

Summer time, travel time!
Climate justice begins with every journey!

Fair Travel Quiz

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In our **Tourism_LOG** you will find inspiring stories of people, especially w... Mehr anzeigen

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tourism_LOG

www.tourismlog.respect.at

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#NaturefriendsClimateFund

Policy Work



International networking

...for sustainable development

...to influence European policies

- mobilisation before European elections
- lobbying for the EU Nature Restoration Law

THE GREEN 10





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Downloads

Resolution Climate justice for the future

Climate Justice for the future!

The XXV Congress of Naturefriends International demands from the wealthy states a stronger commitment to climate protection and climate justice!

Vienna, 11 October 2023

"Climate Justice for the Future" was the motto of the XXV Congress of Naturefriends International, which took place on 7 October in the Naturefriends Hotel in Spital am Pyhrn (Austria). 60 participants from 15 countries discussed the global effects of the climate crisis and adopted a catalogue of demands to the industrialised and emerging countries as well as concrete measures of Naturefriends for more climate justice.

NFI President Manfred Pils, who was confirmed with 100 percent of the delegates' votes, emphasised the responsibility of the wealthy states, which still cause the majority of global greenhouse gas emissions: "Immediate ambitious and binding measures to curb greenhouse gas emissions as well as efficient support for the countries and people most affected by climate change are necessary to enable future generations to have a future worth living. Supporting the countries of the Global South in coping with the consequences of the climate crisis is not charity, but ultimately also secures the future of the people in the Global North".

Global Naturefriends Days



Naturefriends International
24. Juni · 🌍

#GlobalNaturefriendsDays 🌱

Dear Naturefriends,
Before we slowly move towards #summer, h
about our next Global Naturefriends Days, v
#September 🍂

Do you have a nice nature and solidari
? Don't forget to tag us on Facebook
have 🍷🍷🍷 3x 500 euros to give away.
We look... Mehr anzeigen

Naturefriends International
8. Mai · 🌍

🌱 Reminder: Global Naturefriends Days 2024 it's in 4 months!
🌱 Let's celebrate the global diversity of the Naturefriends movement
from 6 to 22 September.
🍷 Post about your experiences with #GlobalNaturefriendsDays and
tag @naturefriends_international on Instagram and @naturefriends
international on Facebook.
🌟 Your contributions will be highlighted and shared with the entire
Naturefriends community.
🍷🍷🍷 We will give three exceptional initiatives €500 as a thank you!

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GLOBAL NATUREFRIENDS DAYS
Guideline

JOURNÉES MONDIALES DES AMIS DE LA NATURE
6 - 22 SEPTEMBRE 2024
Ligne directrice

GLOBAL NATUREFRIENDS DAYS
6 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024
Leitfaden

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Guideline

#GlobalNaturefriendsDays

Global Naturefriends Days



- Around September 16th
- "Nature and Solidarity"
- 3 activities awarded with 500 € each by NFI board
- Criteria:
 - focus on sustainability
 - innovative approach
 - visibility & internationality



Global Naturefriends Days



Awarded activities 2023:

- NF Vienna: "Clean-up Day"
- NF Arad & Timisoara: "Culture Day"
- NF Greece: Revitalisation of a traditional wine press



Naturefriends Climate Fund



22750

TREES

725

**IMPROVED
STOVES**

5

**SOLAR-POWERED
STREET LAMPS**

30

**VILLAGES
INVOLVED**



Naturefriends Climate Fund



LIGHTING UP THE VILLAGE OF KPOTOMEY – A SOLAR-POWERED RURAL LIGHTING PROJECT



- 5 000 euros
- 5 photovoltaic streetlamps
- Awareness raising & educational activities



TREE SPONSORSHIPS



- 9 545 euros
- 3 500 fruit trees

Naturefriends Climate Fund



A TREE NURSERY FOR FARAKO

Successful planting campaign with local schools!

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

- 3-years campaign;
3,000 – 3,500 € / year
- 2024: 2 Tree Planting Days with 4 schools
- About 600 fruit trees planted together with pupils
- Awareness raising on climate change and on the crucial role of trees for human life

Externally funded activities



Travelling with respect ...funded by the Austrian Development Agency

- focus on awareness raising for sustainable tourism and conscious travelling



PhotoChallenge

respect_NFI PhotoChallenge

Moving in the right direction: your adventure by bus, train and bike!

The PhotoChallenge 2024 starts on 1st of July and ends on 15 October 2024.

Admire breathtaking scenery through the train window. Discover a region's natural treasures at every step and turn on a hike. Explore remote villages by bike. Silently glide over the water in a kayak. Chat with locals on the bus... By bus, train or bike, experience nature, people and culture up close - and protect the climate!

Show us with your photo how you explore the world on sustainable paths!

You can win great prizes!

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ENJOY

How much food is thrown away every year in the Austrian restaurant and hotel industry?

EXPERIENCE NATURE

The Alpine Clubs of Austria maintain the hiking trails. How many kilometers of trails do the Austrian Naturefriends maintain?

ON THE WAY

Winter holidays in the mountains!
What causes the highest CO2 emissions during a skiing holiday?

ON THE WAY

By train to a family holiday on a farm in Carinthia or by plane to Crete for a week:
How much bigger is the "CO2 backpack" of beach tourists?

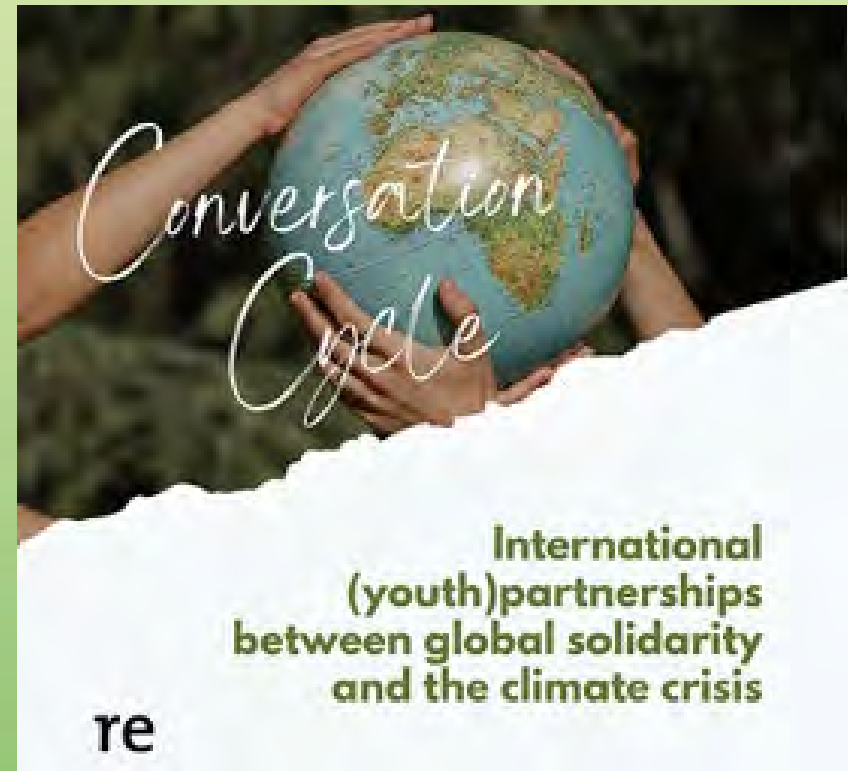
COUNTRY & PEOPLE

Venice is visited by around 20 million guests every year.
How many people live in the city?

ADVENTURE

A flight from Vienna to New York causes 3,500 kg of CO2 emissions.
This corresponds to the CO2 footprint of ...

Externally funded activities



Externally funded activities



SDGs in Motion ...funded by the Austrian Development Agency

- Communication of the Sustainable Development Goals to young people in the framework of outdoor activities
- SDG Action Camp for young multipliers, implementation of good practice
- Conference for discussing the project outcomes (2025)



Externally funded activities



Erasmus+ **CLIMATE HIKES**

- Links hiking with environmental education, awareness raising & discussion of climate issues
- Partners: fros / ATB Belgium, German Young Naturefriends & Ecosystem Europe
- International training in Austria end of June; national trainings and pilot hikes
- Guideline with good practice and methods of non-formal education in the framework of outdoor activities



Externally funded activities



Erasmus+ project **TRAILS**

- OTI Slovakia, Mountaineering Association of Serbia; close cooperation with Naturefriends Austria
- Motivation of young people to volunteer in maintenance and marking of trails
- Trainings in all 3 countries
- 2025: Social Media Campaign with best practice promoting volunteering for outdoor organisations



Externally funded activities



Respect Nature ...funded by Austrian Federal Forests

- Awareness raising for respectful behaviour in the outdoors
- Cooperation with Naturefriends Austria



Involvement of members



...basis for

- exchange of experiences and learning from each other
- successful (Social Media) campaigns
- powerful policy work
- fundraising for the Climate Fund
- high visibility of the international Naturefriends network and Naturefriends concerns, values and engagement



Involvement of members



Engagement of members and dissemination of NFI activities on national level needed!

NFI staff & board are dedicated to support and improve members' involvement:

- Regular online members meetings in addition to the statutory meetings
- Online meetings of responsible staff for communication, campaigning, and international affairs of our member organisations (2 x year; next one: 23rd of October, 11 am)
- 2 Thematic Groups (Sustainable Tourism & Climate Justice)



Thematic Group on Sustainable Tourism



- Exchange experiences & getting inspired by GOOD PRACTICES
- Focus on making NATUREFRIENDS HOUSES more sustainable
- All MEMBER ORGANISATIONS and their groups/people
- ONLINE MEETINGS 5 x /year, 2 hours at evenings
- Next meeting: 22. October, 7 pm; presentation by NIVON

Thematic Group on Sustainable Tourism



- Enforcing the impact of our international cooperation (TG ST) on making NF-houses more sustainable
- Erasmus+
- Minimum 3 international partners
- GIAN (IT) and NF-Baden(DE) are already “in”; NIVON and CH-NF are considering joining
- More ideas & partners welcome!
- Contact: wilfried.meulenbergs@nf-int.org

Thematic Group on Climate Justice



- Enforcing Naturefriends engagement and impact in the field of climate justice
- Raising the visibility of and donations for the Climate Fund
- Delegates from NF Austria, Czechia, Italy, France, the Netherlands & members of the Climate Fund Steering Group
- Additional participants highly welcome!
- Contact: andrea.lichtenecker@nf-int.org

Thematic Group on Climate Justice



- 2 to 3 online meetings per year
- Updates on activities in the field of climate justice carried out by NFI and members
- Updates on the Climate Fund projects implemented by our African members
- January 2024: Discussion and conclusions of results of Climate Survey 2023
- July 2024: Presentation of and feedback on new fundraising material for the Climate Fund

NFI Annual Conference 2024

