

Subject: **Rebel Daily 2: The Rebellion Takes Root**
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The seeds have been sewn. Compassion; awareness; courage.

They landed in cities, suburbs and farmland; in hearts and in minds, taking no account of [age](#) or [occupation](#) or [background](#).

And now we're growing: taking root.

In some cities we're established on the roads and growing stronger by the day. Tents are assembled, flags are dangled, kitchens put together. In other places we're meeting, painting, blocking: making our mark in other ways.



Rebel campers make it through the first night of Rebellion.

But the deeper growth is not a thing which can be touched. It comes in the form of **newly-made communities coming together to dance, sing, laugh and cry**. In creativity, diligence and generosity combining into miraculous works of art.

In love. And in a rebellion – strong enough to fight and win against an ecocidal status quo.



The forces of 'law and order' will oppose us in the coming days. Their representatives will hassle us and threaten us and maybe even [hurt](#) us. The media establishment will slander, ignore and misconstrue us.

These things won't stop us; won't even slow us. If we won't be heard, we'll shout and sing our message louder. If disruption doesn't stop the system, we'll simply have to do it bigger and do it better.

We're putting down roots - and no government can take them out.



If you'd like to help, please check out our [guide](#) and learn more [about XR](#).

To connect to rebels in your local area, get in touch with your [nearest XR group](#). If there's no active group near you, [you can start your own!](#)

If you'd like to see previous newsletter issues, you can find them [here](#).

As we enter this crucial phase in human history, our Rebellion will need money to make sure our message is heard. Anything you can [give](#) is appreciated.

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London's blooming rebellion

8 OCT | Westminster

After Monday's exhilaration, rebels have been pushing down roots and getting used to life in the capital. As we found in April, there comes a point at which it seems **almost natural** that we would be here in the roads.

Natural, but also nicer: **instead of car engines, choirs and samba bands; instead of throngs of busy strangers, free food and open dialogue** (not least from incorrigible [truth-teller Jonathan Pie!](#))



Many trees were planted in Westminster today

Not everyone seems to agree with the improvement. The arrest count continues to climb - **already at a staggering 550** - and it's partly due to police pressure that **several of our sites have merged together for greater cohesion.**



Despite all this, the police response has yet to really follow through on the earlier tough talk. The seriously questionable tactic of disrupting our infrastructure hasn't yet managed to stop a gradual blossoming of gazebos (largely just in time for this afternoon's biblical downpour!), kitchens and tents in various sites.

And we're just getting started - this team can't wait to see what happens when heroic rebels ([including you?](#)) occupy City Airport on Thursday. To join this action you'll need to make a briefing beforehand, so [waste no time in signing up!](#)

For a fuller update with news from all the sites, click this button:

More London Site News!

London rebels, check out our [Rebellion Needs](#) for practical ways you can help rebels on the ground right now. For a summary of today's media response, see [this briefing](#).



Calme avant la tempête in Paris?

8 OCT | Place de Chatelet



The occupation at the Place de Chatelet continues and thrives.

To the surprise of French rebels, **no arrests or police force has yet been used** to clear the crucial intersection of the capital.

Among strategic and logistical questions, general assemblies at the site guess at why this might be: to **avoid a repeat of the backlash** to their [last repression](#)? To split the environmental movement from the **Yellow Vests**? Nobody knows.



At nightfall, the site holds a giant General Assembly to organise logistics

In the meantime, **the party is more alive than ever** and rebels enjoy this *calme avant la tempête* to organise, hang a banner as high as the statue of the place de Chatelet can go, hold **free classes on climate change** by experts, and **hold debates on solutions** to combat our climate and ecological crisis.

And, of course, Parisians gather to dance.



Heavy rain during the day did not stop the dancing!

But perhaps **the most ‘Parisian’ exploit** of the rebels is the splendid *Gazette d’Extinction Rebellion* which appears almost four centuries after the first newspaper, the *Gazette de France*, was founded there in 1631.

Of course, the XR Gazette transforms the original royalist paper into **a revolutionary call for love, fraternity, and consideration for nature**. Its horoscope and its tone - satirical and light-hearted - revives rebels’ spirits and conversations at the end of the day, and the beautifully designed paper is enthusiastically distributed and shared around campsite.

For a condensed English version of yesterday’s Gazette, click [here](#) ; for those of you lucky enough to understand the tongue of Molière, you can find the original first issue [here](#).

Berlin celebrates 40 hours of Rebellion

8 OCT | Berlin, Germany



With the start of Rebellion, **XR Germany successfully blocked two key parts of Berlin – the Big Star roundabout** by the Siegessäule and a major junction at **Potsdamer Platz**.

At **Potsdamer Platz**, the police began clearing out rebels at dawn and, with the help of the fire brigade, even the lock-ons didn't last long. The rebels split up and began a series of smaller actions across the city, including a **blockade** at the [headquarters of the CDU political party](#) and a **funeral march** with a symbolic burial of Mother Earth.

Rebels at the **Big Star roundabout** were still going strong with the help of space blankets and thermos flasks. By late morning, giant tarps had been erected to protect them from the rain.

The roundabout was suddenly a tented village, and the first lock-ons were in place by noon.



Police in the area started to multiply, and with **nearly one police officer for every two protestors**, the order soon came to clear out.

Some rebels were **carried away and left in puddles**, while others had **pain compliance techniques used against them**. But the lock-ons remained in place, and while some single-lane traffic was able to flow again, the police could only partially clear the junction.

The blockade lived on, the police withdrew, and **not a single rebel had been arrested!** By sunset, **XR Germany was celebrating 40 hours of continuous, peaceful protest for this greatest of all causes.**

Irish Rebels Have Had Enough

7 & 8 Oct | Dublin, Ireland



The last few days have been a difficult time for XR Ireland. In response to the Irish government pushing ahead with plans to build [a U.S. fracked gas terminal in Shannon](#), rebels decided to add a demand for **Rebellion Week: Stop the Shannon LNG Terminal plus any new fossil fuel infrastructure!**

Rebels kicked off the week with a **symbolic funeral of the Earth**, a **samba parade with a pink ‘Tell the Truth’ boat**, a **planting of seeds**, and some **passionate speeches**.

The civil guards (police) allowed rebels to camp in one of the city’s central parks and the first day passed in a peaceful, family-friendly atmosphere.



There was [a spontaneous sit-in](#) at the gates of the Dail (Ireland's Parliament) that meant some politicians were locked in. XR Ireland decided to deliver their message to their political representatives: "We have had enough". The rebels refused to move and chanted "We do it for your children's future too". The civil guards removed rebels, but made no arrests, and even **thanked the protestors for their peaceful presence**.

Quebec - Scaling the heights for climate justice!

8 OCT | Jacques Cartier Bridge, Montreal



Three Quebecois rebels closed all five lanes of traffic on the busiest bridge in Montreal for over an hour. At rush hour.

Two women and a man [scaled](#) the huge metal structure **in the middle of the night**, forcing police to close the bridge to traffic. Sadly, the brave rebels were stopped before they could drop their 20m wide banner and were arrested once back on the ground.

A [video](#) of one rebel explaining the action has gone viral:

‘We are not the *farfelus* (crazy ones). Those who believe we can keep growing forever in a finite world are the ones who live in a fantasy land.’

New York



XR NYC debut their ocean-themed boat

A group of over 40 rebels joined Brother Fulfillment from Thich Nhat Hanh's Plum Village in a **meditative action** calling on the government to Act Now. **They blocked the entrance to City Hall by staging a seated meditation**, a peaceful act of resistance rooted in historic acts of civil disobedience.

The mascot boat '**Vaquita**' traveled through New York City, spreading the news of the Rebellion. Featuring images of the **nearly extinct porpoise for which she is named** and large Extinction symbol flags, her crew handed out flyers about the rebellion and talked to passersby stopped in traffic.

They declared their voyage a success and look forward to getting her back out in the city soon.

R.E.M. joins Roman rebels

8 OCT | Rome, Italy

15 rebels started a hunger strike in front of Parliament in Rome to raise awareness of the threat to food insecurity caused by the crisis.



Michael Stipe, of alt rock band **R.E.M.** fame, boosted morale in XR Rome by adding his voice to the chorus of rebels:

“I want my voice to be part of this change of consciousness. I believe we can start the change needed to improve our wonderful planet, our position and our place on earth!”

This came the day after [a heartfelt performance in Piazza Venezia](#) in front of the famous landmark “colonna Traiana”, titled the blood of our children. Rebels held hands as red “blood” was poured onto their exposed skin and was then wiped clean gently.

Don't Frack With Greece

7 OCT | Syntagma Square, Athens, Greece



Greek rebels joined other climate emergency protestors to stage a die-in against fracking on the steps of Parliament.

Earlier this month, the Greek government voted to allow the oil companies Total, ExxonMobil, Edison, Energean and Hellenic Petroleum, **to extract oil and gas in sea beds around the country.**

Greek Rebels demanded that their **government repeal these concessions to the oil companies and tell the truth about the disastrous effects of oil exploitation** on ecosystems, biodiversity, the local economy and public health.

XR Sri Lanka Is Born

6 OCT | Columbo, Sri Lanka



XR Sri Lanka writes...

Sunday was our [first rebellion](#). The Climate Emergency is ignored and not acted upon in our country, but there is a fast-growing movement of people who are beginning to join forces and bring about societal change.

Our original plan was to have an **official Declaration of Climate Emergency**, followed by a **die-in**, **yoga** training for “spiritual warriors”, **music** gathering with unplugged instruments, and putting up **posters** with QR codes that link to websites proposing solutions for change.

However, the weather decided otherwise. **Torrential rain poured down throughout the day and we’re so proud of all the rebels who showed up regardless.**

Despite an initial pledge to not use disruption, **the group decided to walk through the rain and partially obstruct traffic in order to be more visible.** The action got decent media coverage, and we all felt empowered with a hope that we will indeed make a change!

Sri Lankan rebels are now planning to assist local environmental causes while striking and spreading awareness at the same time! Our next action on Saturday will be an official Declaration and a **mass die-in** followed by a **beach clean-up**.

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See more beautiful and courageous action from the International Rebellion in [XR Unchained](#). There is so much to tell.



ARGENTINA - Around 30 rebels wearing boiler suits joined the Red Brigade for [a dramatic action](#) in the offices of Bayer and Monsanto. They played [haunting music](#) while holding black and white photos of victims of the climate crisis.



COLOMBIA - Rebels [projected a truth-telling video](#) on the side of the environment ministry in the Colombian capital Bogotá.

Rebels drew attention to their **government's criminal inaction** in the face of climate disaster, despite their president's insistence that Colombia is "not part of the climate problem".



Rebel clean-up crew in **Poland**.



Madrid rebels turn out in blue to represent the rising oceans. Rebels continue to hold their camp outside the environment ministry.



Melbourne rebel stays cool under pressure, one of the **56 arrests** on the second day of Rebellion. For more **XR Australia**, check out the [amazing scenes](#) on the streets of **Brisbane**.



Amsterdam rebels at Vondelpark.

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- Listen to this [beautiful song](#) composed by a creative rebel from XR Barcelona
- [Read XR Kids' Declaration of Rebellion](#), written by 11-year-old rebel Elsie
- Rebels took our fight to the [Langdale Hills](#) in Cumbria
- An important reflection on the [privilege](#) and duty of peaceful protest

Humans of XR



Rodney, Rollo and Kirpa

‘I’m only here for the day but my family will be camping out the full two weeks. I’m a musician but they’re slowly catching me up. My daughter is over there playing drums in the samba band and my boys want to be guitarists when

they grow up.

Maybe one day we'll have a family band!

The people in that big building over there should pay attention to us showing a good way of living and a good way to make a point rather than arguing and shouting at each other all the time.'

We are receiving amazing human stories and we want to know yours. To read more - or to write your own - join our [Facebook group](#).

Thank you

Thank you for reading and for keeping the fire of rebellion burning.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch at xr-newsletter@protonmail.com.

As we enter this crucial phase in human history, our Rebellion will need money to make sure our message is heard. Anything you can give is appreciated.

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