



DECLARATION

We are living in an unsustainable society. A changing climate, collapsing terrestrial and marine ecosystems, infectious diseases, humanitarian disasters; ever-increasing crises are happening all around us. This is impacting our lives and the planet. We are polluting our lands, oceans and air. Biodiversity is declining at an alarming rate. Equal rights for all is a goal that we have yet to accomplish. We have failed our minorities and indigenous peoples, we must include and acknowledge their rights and relationship to their land, and learn from their traditional knowledge. While our growing world population has finite resources, we overconsume in almost every part of our lives. The latest environmental report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shows that we are not only facing a catastrophe, we are already in the middle of one.

The United Nations' Agenda 2030 calls for ambitious transformations until the year 2030. But to achieve what is asked of us in this Agenda, change needs to happen now.

We need to rethink our current economic system.

We need to rethink our model of growth, including the concept of degrowth.

We need to rethink our measurement and idea of success.

We need to rethink our subsidies.

We need to rethink social norms and secure inclusion in decision-making.

We need to rethink how we value nature.

We need to rethink our strategies for different countries and regions.

We need to rethink the system.

In other words: Business as usual is no longer an option. We have to take responsibility. Throughout history, we will be judged not only for what we have done, but also for what we have failed to do. The economic, social and political leaders as well as ourselves are responsible to take action for the needed transition.



That is why we have created and are driving the youth movement ReGeneration 2030. It is formed, led and organised by youth from a range of different organisations cooperating across borders to reach common goals.

Our Vision

Is that we and future generations will live in a society based on an economy in balance with ecosystems, built on circular principles and sustainable nature-based solutions. In a sustainable society, we are all able to live without existential fears. We wish to live flourishing lives, within the planetary boundaries.

During the ReGeneration Week, we have developed statements within five behavioural domains - Food, Stuff, Move, Money & Fun. We want to see changes within legislation, policy and business models and practices along these lines. We will take those statements and transform them into full position papers.

We, the youth of the Nordic and Baltic Sea regions, call upon all actors within governance, business, education, research and civil society to rethink the system. At the same time we commit to take our own responsibility. We do so by changing our individual behaviours and organising further ecologically and socially just consumption, production and investments. We regard and promote art as a tool for societal transformation that we can use to achieve our common vision.

In case you are not willing to step up, step aside.

We are ready to take responsibility, we are ready for action.

