

Speech Halle Zero:

Due to the dramatic war of aggression in Ukraine, the situation around fossil energies is only getting worse. It is becoming clear once again that there will be no peace as long as we are dependent on oil, gas and coal. And Germany will not be able to consistently advocate for this. That's why, dear Federal Government, we are standing here again after decades and calling on you to develop the technologies that have already existed for a long time, to finally enable us to live a climate-neutral life!

I am Ari from HalleZero. These are residents of the city of Halle who have joined forces to ensure that our city and its infrastructures stay within the 1.5°C limit. By the way, we are still collecting signatures for this cause in order to oblige the city to do so. You can also sign with the people in yellow.

Our umbrella organisation GermanZero has done the homework of our federal government by not only writing a concrete action plan to comply with the 1.5°C limit, but also by drafting the corresponding very detailed legislative package a few weeks ago. This 1.5°C legislative package contains all the solutions needed to decisively confront the climate crisis. 5000 researchers have summarised 100 steps and translated them into legal texts. And most of the work was done on a voluntary basis! Yes, dear federal government, copying is expressly encouraged here. We call on you today: Finally do what you promised 7 years ago, take the legislative package and implement it!

We will not let you get away with further protracted crisis management under which the whole world must suffer! We are many and we are loud and we will not let you decide about our livelihoods!

ver.di and Fridays for Future ride together

Dear All,

I'm Lucas Zahn and I work as a trade union secretary for verdi.

In Halle we stand up together with Fridays for Future and the public transport workers for a social-ecological change in transport and the common climate goals.

Local public transport is an important pillar in the fight against climate change. In order to convince people to "switch" from the car to public transport, a good public transport infrastructure is needed.

A functioning infrastructure in turn requires sufficient employees working in public transport. But the working conditions that currently prevail in many transport companies at the moment discourage potential new recruits and cause work to be compressed and stress for our colleagues.

The expansion of public transport will only be possible with good and better paid jobs. It is about more than wage disputes, it is about how climate protection is linked to social issues.

A task of the century such as the socio-ecological transformation can only succeed if trade unions are actively involved. But that also means social-ecological tasks must become core concerns of the trade unions.

However social movements must also focus on the realities of life of the workers in the sectors directly affected by climate policy.

This alone provides the basis to work together

for a fundamental transformation of the way of production and life. And only this will ensure a decent life for all, political participation and the preservation of the natural resources.

Therefore, let us call out together:

System Change, Not Climate Change!