

17: The Last Generation, Part 2

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It is time that we face the question of accessibility and find answers. Accessibility is a fundamental prerequisite for an inclusive and just society. What about my own access, actually? I have always been a feminist activist. Looking back, I realise that the impulses for my political engagement are similar over the years. First there is sadness and anger about social conditions. Then a single event becomes the famous straw that breaks the camel's back. The anger turns into courage. Basically, all you have to do is swap the W for an M. A single letter to turn upside down. Simple. Actually. And yet the path must be actively taken. It is not always barrier-free. Emotional hurdles have to be overcome, sometimes economic ones. Political commitment also takes time. I take it because I can - as an old, privileged white FLINTA*. Access to information is a crucial door opener for movements; it is the only way to promote broad understanding and win people's trust for the cause. The issue is climate change, a harmless word that hides disasters that kill. Our government cannot come up with a plan to avert climate catastrophe. The Last Generation is making demands, scientifically based. They want to help the federal government. So far, the government refuses to help us. We are not giving up. The methods of the Last Generation are often met with harsh criticism, they are insulted, defamed and criminalised. And yet it has a growing number of supporters and sympathisers. This speaks for civil resistance, for our non-violent disobedience. It feeds my fearlessness to participate in protest marches and road blockades. The movement creates an empathetic environment for this. We share our individual experiences and personal stories. Our goals and values are openly communicated. Have your say. Participate. Participate in decision-making. These three pillars motivate and open wide the front door to the climate movement. For everyone. With solidarity and determination, we can bring about positive change. Together. Because we are all affected by climate change. We are all the last generation before the tipping points.