

Join our paperboat  
campaign:  
Instructions for libraries, schools  
& community centres

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CLIMATE | SCOTLAND | ACTION | WRITING

we will rise



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# who we are...

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Paperboats is a collective of writers focussed on nature and environment in a time of climate and ecological breakdown. Scotland based and global in outlook.



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# inspired by...

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What The Clyde Said After COP 26 by, Kathleen Jamie

“I heard the beautiful promises...  
and, sure, I’m a river,  
but I can take a side.  
From this day, I’d rather keep afloat,  
like wee folded paper boats,  
the hopes of the young folk  
chanting at my bank,  
fear in their spring-bright eyes  
so hear this:  
fail them, and I will rise.”

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<https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/poem/what-the-clyde-said-after-cop26/t>

# paperboats action...

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**1000 Paperboats**

**1000 Messages of Hope**

**- add your voice**

We're aiming to make 1000 paperboats with 1000 messages of hope for our future, to deliver to politicians at the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 23rd November, timed to coincide with the start of COP28 discussions.

Our message is this: **Let's be braver in our climate commitments Scotland, let's exceed our targets and lead the world in a fair transition.**

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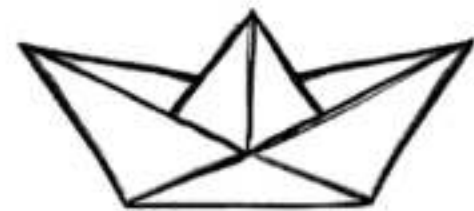


# paperboat yards...

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We are keen to work with libraries, schools and community centres to set up '*Paperboat Yards*' to collect messages of hope from the people of Scotland. We will deliver them to MSPs during our gathering at the Scottish Parliament on Thursday the 23rd November.

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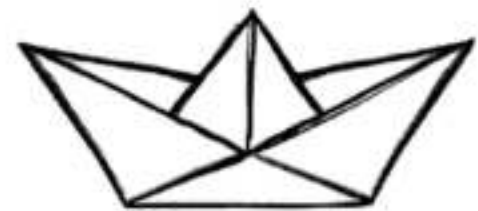


# paperboat yards... ...

If you would like to join in our campaign and set up a *Paperboat Yard*, you will need:

- Blackboard, pinboard or table with instructions and example messages
- An old book or two or some old magazines to cut up
- Slips of paper for messages
- Collection baskets
- Be creative and use whatever recycled materials you have to hand

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# The Boat Yard



1000 Paperboats

1000 climate Notes

1000 Messages of Hope

For Our Political Leaders

Add Yours!

Better Public Transport

#NoNewOil

GREEN JOBS

Support Regenerative Farming

Restore Nature

Climate Justice

Plant Trees!

End Fossil Fuels

A fair Transition

keep 1.5 Alive

Support Circular Economies

#STOPROSEBANK

## Instructions....

- Make a paperboat
- Write your climate message
- Tuck it in to your boat
- Add it in to the basket
- We'll take it to Parliament!

\* take a photo

+ tag us on Social Media

Twitter @ Paperboatswrite

Insta @ paperboatswriters

We're making

to



# paperboat yards...

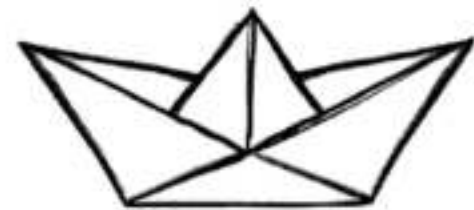
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Signage:

- *Paperboat Yard* Banner
- Header message:

**1000 Paperboats  
1000 Message of Hope  
Add Yours!**

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# Instructions....

- Make a paperboat
- Write your climate message
- Tuck it in to your boat
- Add it in to the basket
- We'll take it to Parliament!
- take a photo
- + tag us on Social Media
- Twitter @Paperboats
- Insta @paperboats

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## Boat Yard Instructions... ..

- Make a Paperboat
- Write your climate message on a slip of paper
- Tuck it into your boat
- If you like, take a photo of your boat and message, and upload to social media. Tag us on Twitter @paperboatswrites or Instagram @paperboatswriters. Also feel free to tag your MSPs. You can find out who they are at [www.TheyWorkForYou.com](http://www.TheyWorkForYou.com)
- Pop your boat in the basket
- We'll collect them up and take them to your MSPs at The Scottish Parliament on 23rd November 2023
- Sign up at [paperboats.org](http://paperboats.org) to stay updated on our campaign,



## example climate messages... ..

Use whatever climate messages you / your organisation is comfortable with. Examples could include:

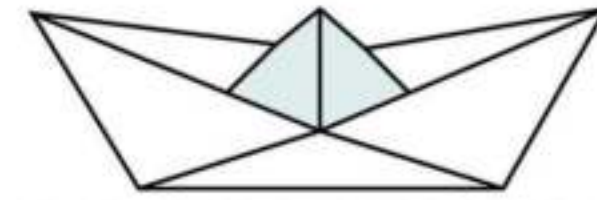
- No new oil
- Stop fossil fuels
- Support rewilding
- A fair transition for oil workers
- Improve sustainable transport
- 15 minute neighbourhoods
- Support circular economies
- Climate justice for the global south
- Divest from fossil fuels
- Green jobs
- Keep 1.5 alive

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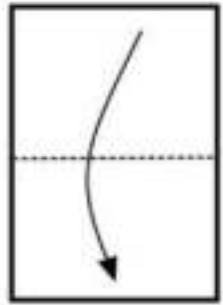
# Folding Instructions...



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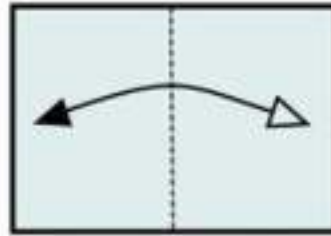
origami boat.

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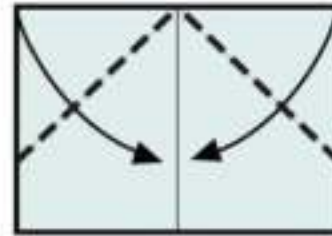
Start from a rectangle (ex. A4)  
Fold in half.

2



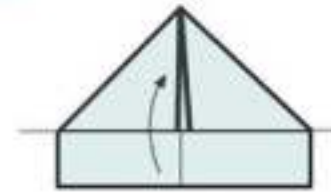
Fold in half  
and unfold.

3



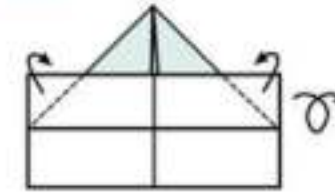
Fold to the center.

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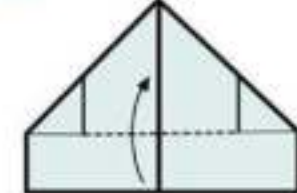
Fold the overlapping  
strip upwards.

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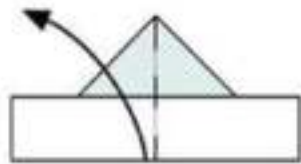
Fold corners  
backwards. Turn over.

6



Fold strip upwards.

7



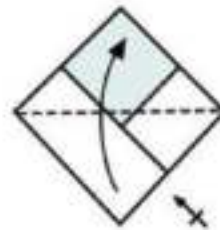
Open.

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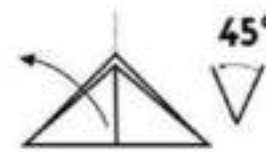
Opening in progress.

9



Fold triangle upwards.  
Repeat behind.

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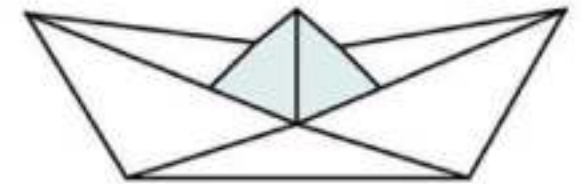
Open (like in the  
steps 7 and 8).

11



Take upper  
corners and stretch out.

12



you did it!



# paperboats action...

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Paperboat Yard organisers can contact us before the 17th November to collect up the boats and messages in advance of the parliament action. Please email us at:

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# Parliament action...

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- We will be gathering at the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 23rd November, 9.30-11.30am to deliver your climate messages to your MSPs.
- The date coincides with the start of COP28 discussions.
- We will invite all the MSPs we've collected messages for, to come out and receive them between 9.30am-11am.
- The gathering will include poetry and music
- **Come along and join us!**
- Signup at [paperboats.org](https://paperboats.org) to stay up to date