

We Are Watching



Dynamic Earth is proud to be hosting We Are Watching as part of our programme of events celebrating COP26.

Find out below how art can involve lots of people and deliver important messages about serious topics.

We Are Watching is a touring artwork by Swiss artist **Dan Acher**.



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artist + activist

The flag

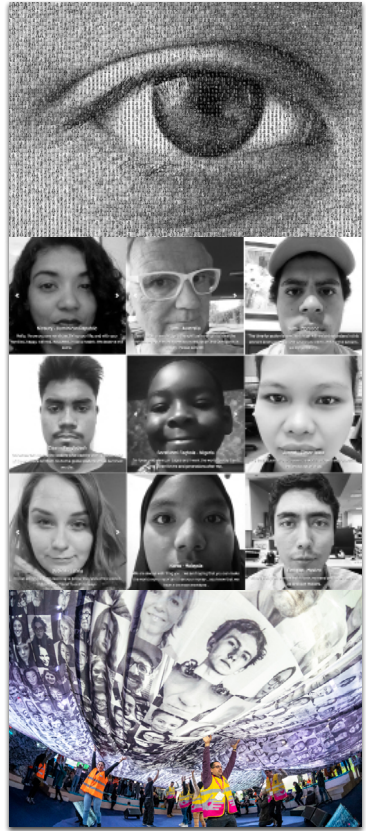
The flag is the size of a ten storey building, and flies from a huge crane!

The flag is a giant collage made up of thousands of individual pictures of people's faces. People from 190 countries sent in their pictures to be part of the flag, that's almost every country in the world!

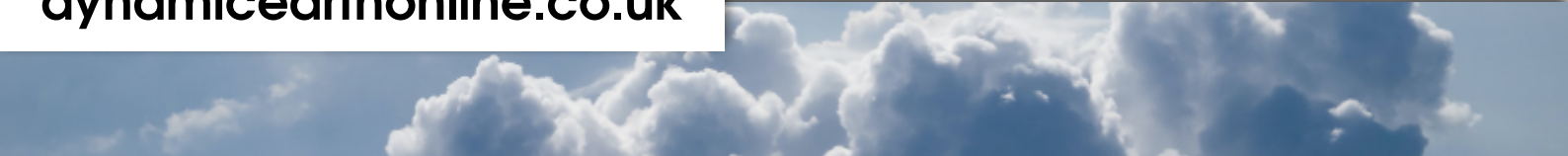
The overall image of the eye you can see is based off a 10 year old's eye, highlighting that it is the young people of today whose future the climate emergency is most impacting.

The flag is put up at large climate conferences - where world leaders meet to discuss how to respond to the climate emergency - and sends a message that the eyes of the world are watching to see what decisions will be made to protect the planet that is our only home from climate change.

You can upload your own picture online to the We Are Watching website, where it will become part of a digital version of the flag.



<https://wearewatching.org/>



The climate emergency

Earth's climate is changing due to the impacts of greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere - which trap heat like a blanket and warm the planet.

Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide and methane. Carbon dioxide is produced from burning fossil fuels, and methane from intensive farming practices all over the world.

Climate change has lots of impacts for all life on Earth. Read more about the science of climate change [here](#).

Unfortunately, governments and industries don't always agree that there is a problem or how to fix it. We Are Watching acts as a message to world leaders to take action to ensure the climate emergency is taken seriously.



Image credit: Li-An Lim on Unsplash



Damage around the world, due to climate change



COP26 is happening in Glasgow in 2021

COP26

COP26 is the biggest climate summit ever and it will bring together over 30,000 people including world leaders, climate experts and campaigners to agree on how the world can work together to tackle climate change. This means that the most important people from almost every country in the world are getting together in Glasgow to tackle this global crisis. The hope is that they can together decide on targets and regulations which will help us prevent further damage to the planet. Read more about COP26 [here](#).



Marchers carry the flag in Madrid

Young climate activists

Want to read more about the young people from all over the world who are fighting the climate crisis? Have a look at our [Young Climate Activist mega resource](#) on Dynamic Earth Online!

We'd love to see any ideas you come up with, so share them with us on Twitter: [@ourdynamicearth](#)

Activity: design an art installation

We Are Watching is artist Dan Acher's idea for art that makes people think about our planet and the climate crisis.

What would yours be?

Use the space on this page to design your own installation. It could be a flag, like Dan's, it could be a sculpture, or a mural.

Use your imagination and get creative!

My piece is called:

It would be made from:

Its message:

Where it would be displayed:

