How to get involved?

Speak out against fossil fuel subsidies

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Only if we all stand up and speak with one voice will we persuade governments to act against the powerful fossil fuel industry!



We call on governments to stop providing public funds to one of the world's most polluting industries & to make the full transition to renewables, protecting our health and preventing rapid global warming.



What are fossil fuel subsidies?

Subsidies include any government action that lowers the costs to produce and consume coal, oil & gas. While they come in different forms (direct payments, tax breaks or loans), they all artificially lower the price of dirty energy.



Why are they bad for our health?

- Subsidies encourage the production of fossil fuels
- Fossil fuels cause ill-health and premature death through dangerous air pollution
- Exposure to air pollution can lead to acute and chronic respiratory and cardiovascular diseases

What's the campaign about?

Choose Health aims to build momentum for the **phase-out of fossil fuels subsidies** by sparking awareness and engagement in the medical community.

KEY FACTS



Air pollution causes
6.5 million premature
deaths a year

Yet, G20 countries spend **\$444 billion/year** subsidising fossil fuel production





The resulting costs to health through fossil fuels are **10x this amount**

Why is a phase-out good for health?

- IMF predicts a global 55% decrease of premature deaths from air pollution
- It would decrease global CO2 emissions by 15-23%
- It would free up billions for healthcare and renewables

Dr Caroline Jessel NHS Lead for Sustainability and Health



"It is ridiculous that we are still subsidising fossil fuels on a large scale when they are responsible for harming human health.

It is even more absurd when we consider that we now have viable affordable alternatives."

What can you do?

Health professionals can use their powerful voice to demand a phase-out of FFS

Policy makers, directly involved in decision making, have the duty to act for the public

Get involved & raise your voice against fossil fuel subsidies