

Singing within XR and for the Climate Emergency:

Notes from Workshop at 2020 NVN Annual Gathering, run by Jane Lewis and Becca Flintham

Communication and networking

- XR song carriers UK Facebook group (570 members)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/xrsongcarriersuk/>
- XR song carriers WhatsApp group (62 members)
- XR Choir Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ExtinctionRebellionChoir/>
- Regional (e.g Southwest/Scotland) and/or local (e.g Exeter/Edinburgh) XR groups and choirs, and protest choirs (not exclusively XR)
- Campaign Choirs Network website and email list (can join via website)
<http://campaignchoirs.org.uk/>

Where to find song resources

In addition to the above:

- XR songs website <http://xrsongs.org>
Includes XR song carriers Dropbox folder (includes super simple songs); choir songs; Stephen Taberner YouTube videos and links to most of the FB and other groups above
- Protest in Harmony (Edinburgh based radical street choir)
<https://www.protestinharmony.org.uk/>
- Seagreen singers (Oxford based radical street choir) <https://seagreensingers.com/>
- Raised Voices (London based radical street choir)
<https://www.raised-voices.org.uk>
- Singers at protests and workshops!

Remember you can buy a megaphone from Argos (and elsewhere) for £7.99 – useful for big demos.

Songs

Nurturing and for regeneration of ourselves and protesters

- This land is all that we have – Noelle Thompson (To Grace the Earth)
- Rising Strong – Heather Houston
<https://www.protestinharmony.org.uk/songs/rising-strong/>
- Chief Seattle Chants
- Walking on Sacred Ground (Nickomo)
- We Got all the Love (Helen Yeomans)
- We Shall be Known (Karisha Longaker)
- Never Doubt (Polly Bolton)
- Weave and Spin (Starhawk)
- Gentle Angry People (Holly Near)

Participation and Energy Raising

- Get up off (what's taking you so long?) (Stephen Taberner) – to be included in AG songs
- Trees, Trees (Martina Schwarz) – to be included in AG songs
- We are the Rising Tide (Su Lewis) – to be included in AG songs
- We Got all the Love (Helen Yeomans) (In Helen Yeoman's Dropbox, XR songs website)
- Tell the Truth (Kirsty Martin)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/xrsongcarriersuk/permalink/512701776207055/>
- We act in Peace (Words from XR declaration, music Jane Lewis)
<https://www.protestinharmony.org.uk/songs/we-act-in-peace/>
- Why not go forward singing? (Rowena Whitehead – to Grace the Earth)
- Wake Up! (Words from Greta Thunberg and Climate strike banners, music Penny Stone) <https://www.protestinharmony.org.uk/songs/wake-up/>

Performance

- We're Standing Here (Owly Dave, arr. Helen Yeomans) (In Helen Yeoman's Dropbox, XR songs website)
- See choir resources in XR songs website