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# Settle Candle-lit Vigil for



A sustainable future;  
A fair deal at

# Copenhagen

5-6pm Sat 12 Dec

At the tree on Settle Square.

Bring a warm clothes, a leaf and a candle if you have them, if not, just come!

(The leaf is for writing a green resolution on, to put on the tree). 220 other vigils this day in UK over 2000 events in world – see [AVAAZ.ORG](http://AVAAZ.ORG)

Organised by Eco-Nite – for All in the area.  
We will share stories, have silence, sing



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Today, we gather here, and with communities in every corner of the world, to commit to work together to save our planet.

The fragile balance of the earth that has always sustained us is changing. We are changing it.

We are causing warming that leads to more warming, icecaps melt and rainforests die, and this cycle could move beyond our control within just five years.

Climate change is far away, but close at hand. Many of us have slumbered until now. But for others, climate change is already a living devastation.

It is the dying light in a child's eye, as advancing deserts turns a farm to dust, and a family starves.

It is a home, a livelihood, and a lifetime of memories wiped out by ever-rising floods and bitter storms.

It is the deadly battle between desperate neighbouring tribes clinging to the last remaining water holes.

It is a whole proud island nation fleeing, its water poisoned by the sea, its lands sinking beneath the waves.

And it is the tension of thousands of refugees driven from their lands to cities across the poorest nations.

These are the bitter foretastes of the gathering storm. This is the future that threatens us all – for no-one will be untouched by these ravages, rich or poor, north or south.

But we can save ourselves, by changing the energy that powers our societies. We can stop burning all this oil, coal and wood. We can shift to the natural energy of the sun, the wind, the water. But we must do this all together, and we must do it now.

The decisions we make today will decide the future of humanity.

This is why we have come out today to 2000 events in 130 countries across our planet, to light up the world with a call to action, a signal of hope.

We call on our leaders to take urgent action and agree a Real Climate Deal:

A real deal must be ambitious. We want a deal that will stop and reverse the growth of harmful carbon emissions within 5 years, and quickly return the world to a safe level of 350 parts per million of carbon in our atmosphere.

A real deal must be fair. We want a deal that commits \$200 billion per year to help poor countries do their part to fix this crisis which was not created by them.

A real deal must be binding. We won't allow empty promises. We want a deal that makes the protection of our planet the law of all lands.

This is the most important deal of our time. Every country must be part of the solution. We will accept nothing less.

Tonight we gather as global citizens with common purpose and shared fate. This is a chance to build a world we can be proud to leave to our children and grandchildren.

The hour is darkest before the dawn. Our movement is awake, this moment is ours to seize, the future is ours to build and our message is clear:

**The World Wants A Real Deal!**

*Now let's share stories about why we are here and how climate change affects us.*

This page is material produced by AVAAZ for us to read at the Settle Vigil if we wish. [www.avaaz.org](http://www.avaaz.org)

# What makes Settle's Candle-lit Vigil for Copenhagen special?

We are having a vigil for Copenhagen on Saturday 12th December from 5pm to 6pm on Settle Market Square.

What makes it special and why should you come to it?

1. All the 220 vigils taking place in the UK **are special** as are **the over 2000 vigils** taking place world wide -
2. Vigils show we have concern for the idea that there should be a Fair Deal at Copenhagen.
3. They give us chance to show solidarity with the people working at Copenhagen and world wide to secure this
4. The vigils give us chance to meet with each other and to interact with our own community.
5. And what a community and place Settle is. This vigil is being organised by "Settle Eco-Nite" a loose network of people who meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month and the vigil is for everyone.
6. Settle has a pledge plant: - It stands on the cobbles in the Market Square.
  - . -- A Topic tree,
  - with a commitment crown
  - of leaves loaded with uplifting lists of promises, priorities and practical actions.

Come to Settle, in the Craven Dales of North Yorkshire, get a leaf from the shop next door (Practically Everything) or cut out your own leaf and put it on the tree. (We hope it will stay up from now until the New Year)

Come to the Vigil at 5-6pm on Saturday. Bring warm clothes and a candle.  
We'll share stories, silence and maybe even songs.

See you.

