Theme sheet · 9 February 2027

Speakers' Corner 2.0 · The Shakespeare · 19:30 theme round

Climate change — the big picture: who has to act, and what gives you hope?

Klimawandel — das große Bild: Wer muss handeln, und was macht dir Hoffnung?

In October we talked about what is changing where you live. This time, look further: other countries, the next generation, the news. Facts are welcome, opinions too — nobody has to agree, and nobody has to feel guilty. *Im Oktober ging es um das eigene Umfeld. Diesmal der weite Blick: andere Länder, die nächste Generation, die Nachrichten. Niemand muss zustimmen.*

Useful words	Auf Deutsch
the climate crisis / to warm up	*die Klimakrise / sich erwärmen*
renewable energy / solar power / wind power	*erneuerbare Energien / Solarstrom / Windkraft*
fossil fuels / coal / gas / oil	*fossile Brennstoffe / Kohle / Gas / Öl*
to cut emissions / net zero	*Emissionen senken / klimaneutral*
sea level / to melt / a glacier	*Meeresspiegel / schmelzen / ein Gletscher*
to adapt / to prevent / it's too late	*sich anpassen / verhindern / es ist zu spät*
a protest / to demonstrate / an activist	*ein Protest / demonstrieren / ein Aktivist*
a tax / a ban / a reward	*eine Steuer / ein Verbot / eine Belohnung*
fair / unfair / who pays?	*gerecht / ungerecht / wer zahlt?*
I'm hopeful / I'm worried / I'm tired of hearing about it	*ich bin zuversichtlich / ich mache mir Sorgen / ich kann es nicht mehr hören*

Questions for the table:

- Which news story about the climate has stayed in your head?
- Rich countries or poor countries — who should do more, and who should pay?
- Bans, taxes or rewards — what actually changes how people behave?
- What do the young people in your family think — do you agree with them?
- What gives you hope — and what would change your mind?

Sentences you can start with:

- “I read / saw that … — does anyone know if it's true?”
- “In my opinion, the biggest responsibility lies with …”
- “A ban won't work, but … might.”
- “My grandchildren will probably …”
- “What gives me hope is …”

Your notes — three words you want to use tonight, one thing you want to say:

Next time: Tuesday, 9 March 2027 — Herdecke in 2040: what should the town look like? Ideas for later evenings welcome at the bar or via info@the-shakespeare.pub.