



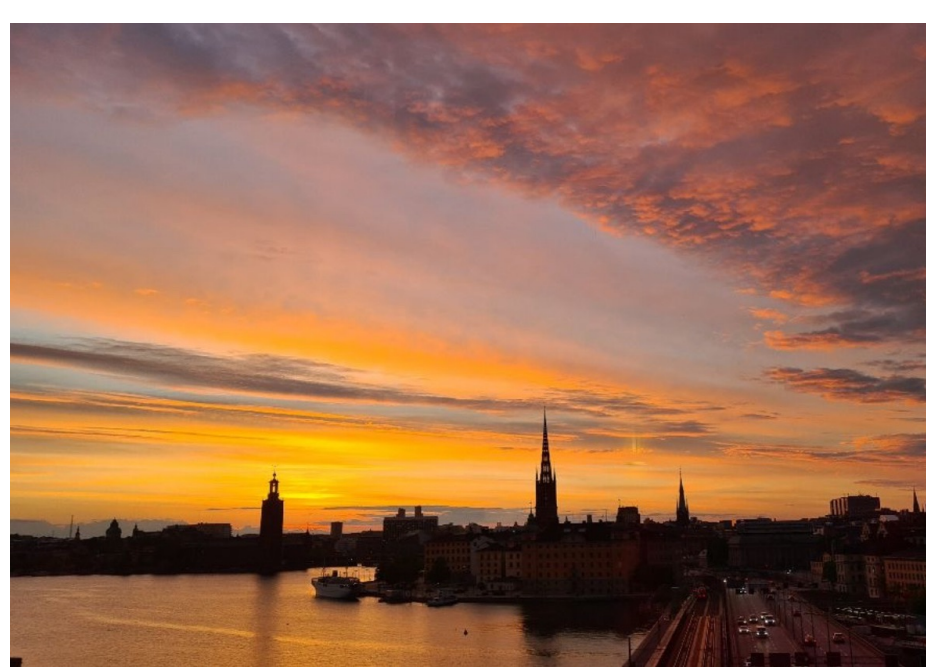
Behind the scenes of Stockholm+50

The Faith Plans team attended Stockholm+50 last week to mark the 50th anniversary of the first UN conference on the environment. We met many of our partners and made dozens of new contacts. It was a hectic few days, not helped by railway maintenance and road closures, but for us it was a chance to engage with grassroots faith environment movements. Below you will find some of the highlights from our visit to Stockholm. We would love to hear your stories too.

From the Faith Plans Team

A message of hope from Stockholm+50

*Environmental activists convened on Sweden's capital city last week for the two-day Stockholm+50 conference. FaithInvest Communications Officer **Trish Groves** was part of the Faith Plans team and writes this personal account of what it was like to be there.*



Stockholm+50 exceeded our expectations. Not the official event itself, because that was reserved for accredited bodies and government actors, but all the other events that we hosted and attended.

With the world reopening after two years of coronavirus lockdowns, meeting partners in person – often for the first time – was a humbling experience. It was refreshing to greet each other without the online personas of Zoom, and to move into the real world of shaking hands (where appropriate), informal meetings over coffee, and shared experiences of travel in a city unfamiliar to many of us.

On the evening of Thursday 2 June, the American aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge was moored near to our hotel, looking gargantuan and oversized in the small harbour area. It was a chilling reminder that war and conflict rages between Russia and the European Union, as well as in many other parts of the world.

But if there is one takeaway that I will bring home with me from Stockholm, it's that there really is a message of hope. And that message is that faiths have been working in partnership and collaboration to protect people and planet. I was astonished to discover the breadth of work being carried out by faiths through genuine grassroots action.

Read **Trish's account** in full [here](#).



Focolare EcoPlan launched

Antonino 'Nino' Puglisi, member of the Focolare Movement, unveils its new EcoPlan at Stockholm+50 in June 2022, and reveals how it links Focolare spirituality to ecological action.

The EcoPlan was presented to **Iyad Abumoghli**, director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Faith for Earth Initiative at the official conference venue on June 2, with **Dr Lorna Gold**, Director of Movement Building with FaithInvest.

Nino spoke to the FaithInvest team about the EcoPlan, and you can watch the short video [here](#).

Baha'is launch 'One Planet, One Habitation'

Daniel Perell, representative of the Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office in New York, presents **Catherine Devitt**, Faith Plans Programme Manager, with its new publication *One Planet, One Habitation*, which aims to 'recast our relationship with the natural world'. Read about it [here](#) and hear Daniel talk about it in a short video.



Fridays for Future march

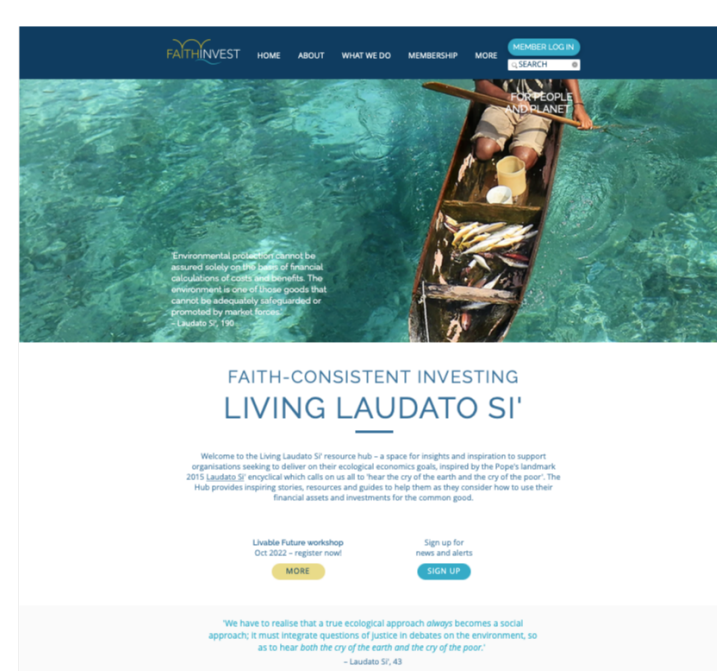
Several hundred people took part in the special Fridays for Future march organised by the Fridays for Future Stockholm group, led by Greta Thunberg, and the Faith Plans team was there too. It was an uplifting event, with speeches from activists from around the world who demanded more action on climate justice from leaders.

Celebrating the work of faiths together

On the final night of Stockholm+50, the Faith Plans team and our partners, the Focolare Movement and the Brahma Kumaris, hosted an evening of discussion and celebration. **Gopal Patel** (Bhumi Global) moderated a lively discussion about faith and ecology with speakers **Dr Lorna Gold** (FaithInvest), **Lidia Floravanti** (Focolare Movement) and **Golo Pilz** (Brahma Kumaris).



Other recent events



Living Laudato Si' Hub

FaithInvest has unveiled a new online resource and inspiration hub, [Faith-Consistent Investing – Living Laudato Si'](#), for organisations seeking to align their finances and investments in the spirit of the Pope's ground-breaking encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

The event was live-streamed from Ireland and you can read about it [here](#).

Share your Faith Plan

If you have already developed your Faith Plan, or have a draft Plan ready to go, please let us know. If you would like to [showcase your Plan](#) on our website, alongside those developed by other faiths around the world, email us at info@faithplans.org.



Get involved!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the conversation with us @FaithPlans on Twitter during the UNEP conference. Click the image on the left to view our tweets from Stockholm. We used these hashtags, among others:

#FaithsTakeAction
#Stockholm50

Keep in touch by visiting [FaithPlans.org](https://www.faitplans.org) where you will find more information and resources about the Faith Plans programme.

Faith Plans is a key programme of FaithInvest and is organised with WWF's Beliefs & Values Programme. The dedicated Faith Plans website includes [useful resources](#) and guidance.

Sign up to Faith Plans today!

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