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Animal puppets walk 20,000 km for climate action – 1st May 2025

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A 20,000-km walk from Congo to Norway has started. It is called The Herds. It will teach people about the climate crisis. Hundreds of life-sized puppets of animals are on the walk. The Herds will show how climate change is a danger to animals. A spokesperson said The Herds is a "coming together of culture and climate".

The animal puppets will visit 20 cities in Africa and Europe. Each city will have street performances. These will focus on how we can help Earth. The Herds will teach millions of people about nature. An environmentalist says The Herds will teach people about climate change and biodiversity loss.

Level 1

A 20,000-km walk from Africa to the Arctic Circle has started. It is called The Herds. It will raise awareness of the climate crisis. Hundreds of life-sized puppets of lions, zebras, monkeys, and other animals are on the walk. The Herds organizers want to show how climate change is affecting animals. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action...It's an ambitious coming together of culture and climate."

The animal puppets will visit more than 20 cities across Africa and Europe. Each city will have street performances. These will focus on how we can help Earth. An environmentalist said: "The Herds is going to reach millions of people and bring the...beauty of nature right onto the streets and into people's lives." Another environmentalist said The Herds will teach people about climate change and biodiversity loss.

Level 2

A 20,000-km walk from Africa to the Arctic Circle has started. The walk is called The Herds. It will raise awareness of the climate crisis and will take four months. The project includes hundreds of life-sized puppets of lions, zebras, monkeys, and other animals. Over 2,000 people will make more puppets, all from recyclable materials. The Herds organizers want to show how climate change is affecting animals. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action on [a huge] scale. It's an ambitious coming together of culture and climate."

The animal puppets will visit more than 20 cities across Africa and Europe, including Casablanca, Paris and London. The final event will be in August. Each city will host street performances. These will focus on how we can help Earth. The Global Rewilding Alliance said: "The Herds is going to reach millions of people and bring the...beauty of nature right onto the streets and into people's lives." Another environmental group said: "The Herds [represents] the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and the journey we must all make towards a brighter future."

Level 3

A 20,000-km walk from central Africa to the Arctic Circle has started in Congo. The epic trek is to raise awareness of the climate crisis. The journey will take over four months. It is called The Herds. A herd is a large group of animals. The hundreds of creatures in this project are life-sized puppets. They include lions, zebras, wildebeest, monkeys, giraffes and baboons. More than 2,000 people will be trained to make more puppets, all from recyclable materials. The Herds organizers said the walk symbolizes the flight of animals from climate disaster. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action on an unprecedented scale. It's an ambitious coming together of culture and climate."

The animal puppets from The Herds will visit more than 20 cities across the continents of Africa and Europe, including Casablanca, Madrid, Paris, London, and Stockholm. The final event will be inside the Arctic Circle in August. Each city will host street performances that focus on how we can help Earth. Alister Scott of the Global Rewilding Alliance said: "The Herds is going to reach millions of people and bring the fierce, exciting beauty of nature right onto the streets and into people's lives." The UK Peatland Programme said: "The Herds is a stunning representation of the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and the journey we must all make towards a brighter future."

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