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Climate activist Bill McKibben was interviewed on *Democracy Now!* on Tuesday. Speaking from the Paris climate talks, McKibben pointed out that last week there were 2,200 demonstrations around the world demanding action on climate change.

We know that the Paris talks will not result in a binding agreement to curb greenhouse gases, but the movement for climate justice is building.

What does this have to do with education? Everything. It's our job to help students explore the causes of the climate crisis, to recognize its unequal impact around the world, and to imagine solutions. We need to help students come to see themselves as activists who will join in building a world based on principles of ecology and equality.

We encourage you to use our book, *A People's Curriculum for the Earth: Teaching Climate Change and the Environmental Crisis*, edited by Bill Bigelow and Tim Swinehart. It's filled with teaching articles, role plays, simulations, short readings, cartoons, and imaginative writing assignments. As *Teaching Tolerance* magazine wrote in its latest issue: "This is the kind of book that can change the way young people look at everything." [The book's introduction is here.](#)

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