

ONE GIANT LEAP FOR CLEAN POWER

Barcelona freerunners rally for climate action

Barcelona, 3/11/2009 Today parkour athletes from around Barcelona descended on the Fira Gran Via convention centre where the last round of UN climate negotiations before the summit in Copenhagen are taking place this week.

They are the latest group of parkour activists to join with Sandbag's One Giant Leap climate change campaign that, on October 26th, co-ordinated similar events across 127 cities and 37 countries globally, establishing a new world record for the largest event in the history of the sport.

The One Giant Leap campaign calls for international negotiators to focus their efforts on the global electricity sector when drawing up a successor to the Kyoto Protocol this December. This event marks Sandbag's release of draft legal text they would like to see included in a new climate deal, which outlines an agreement between the countries with the most polluting power sectors to control and reduce their emissions.

Director of Sandbag, Bryony Worthington, states, "Carbon dioxide is by far the most important greenhouse gas to address, and the electricity sector is the largest and most remediable source of CO₂, with just 3,300 power stations accounting for nearly a third of our emissions. The power sector is best positioned to tackle climate change in one giant leap!"

"The climate challenge demands a clean energy revolution, which hinges on switching to low-carbon electricity so we can power our electric vehicles and electrically heat our homes."

Sandbag is seeking an agreement from countries and regions with the most polluting power sectors, such as the US, China, Europe and others, to control and reduce their sectoral emissions.

For more information on the One Giant Leap campaign or to find out more about Sandbag, visit www.sandbag.org.uk

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