



Duesseldorf, March 2018

Open Letter to Ed Sheeran to call for sustainable Duesseldorf concert

Dear Ed Sheeran,

we are happy to welcome you on your tour to Duesseldorf next summer.

However, we are very concerned about the fact that NRW state capital Duesseldorf is planning to cut down 100 old trees for this event.

The air quality in Duesseldorf is highly questionable and therefore trees are a very important climate partner. They contribute in a natural, sustainable and irreplaceable way to the improvement of the local environment. Unfortunately, replanting new trees can't replace the oxygen producing value of the old trees as their abundant foliage has up to 800,000 leaves with a total surface of 1600 m². It takes decades for young trees to reach the effect of old trees.

We are thinking you and your management company should consider alternative locations or solutions: why not perform and leave the trees untouched or use the existing ESPRIT Arena twice?

Do you know that the chosen location lies very close to the Duesseldorf Airport and the Highway? This means there will be significant noise pollution during your concert.

So we say: **“Come on now, follow our lead...”** and hereby ask you to reconsider the location for this event.

With kindest regards,

Baumschutzgruppe Duesseldorf and Duesseldorf citizens