

## Words for Your World

### **Commended entry Year 9 - Ben Warriner, Turton School, Bolton**

Dear the UN,

My name is Ben Warriner, and I go to Turton School, Bolton. Climate change means a lot to so many people, and I am one of them.

Over the course of the last few years, climate change has been the subject of a very strong debate. However, 26 COP meetings later, nothing has changed. Temperatures are still rising; ice caps are melting meaning sea levels are rising. This is not on, and it needs to change right now.

Adverse weather conditions over the past few years. 2020 saw the hottest year on record, with the Australian Bushfires causing millions of dollars' worth of damage with over 3,500 homes destroyed, and 46 million acres of thriving woodland, GONE. How would you feel, if one of the houses destroyed was yours, and you lost everything, and you had to go to shelters to get food? You wouldn't be happy would you? That is how many people all over the world have had to cope, no food, water or shelter. Rising temperatures around ice caps are causing them to melt.

I play cricket, and in the summer of 2021, many games were cancelled due to torrential rain. I couldn't help but ask myself whether this rain fall was caused by the effects of climate change.

People over the age of 65 are most susceptible to the biggest threat to human life of Climate Change, air pollution. People who smoke or vape are also highly at risk, and as are children with asthma.

So, please help us. Everyone in our world needs your help. You are the ones powerful enough to do something. We need a crackdown on rich companies who are avoiding paying the taxes that are necessary when they are giving out many tons of carbon dioxide. These companies are paying nothing, so smaller, locally owned business' are having to pay much more than they should do, and this all comes back to huge, multi million pound global companies, avoiding paying the required tax needed.

Over the last month in the UK, we have had at least five different storms which have caused havoc, with trees falling over, leading to cars being crushed, and ultimately, death. All this caused by the changing climate of our wonderful planet.

I do hope that you will consider looking into the issue in a more detailed way.

Yours faithfully,

Ben Warriner