

Your world. Your future.

The world which we live in today has vastly evolved: from the age of the dinosaurs, to the industrial revolution. Our world is forever changing, but... is it changing in the way we had hoped? Some exciting and interesting predictions inform us that in fifty years time, the first cloned humans will appear. Not to mention a hundred years from now humans will exceed the average life expectancy of 79 years, in fact some humans will reach a peaking age of 150!

Experts are already investigating into ways in which our planet will adapt in the future. The University of Cambridge stated "On a global scale, we need to find a way in which 7 billion people, expected to rise by another billion by 2030, can live a high quality of life that is less demanding on our planet. And to adapt, be efficient and sustainable, we need to know where to place our energies – nationally and globally – to mitigate the coming challenges." As students, we know that as we enter adulthood, our world will be fast developing and rapidly increasing, so we want to know: what can we do to help?

The sad truth... pollution is one of the biggest threats to our modern world. In fact, the deadliest form is air pollution. Driving, burning of fuel and smoke from chimneys- these are some of the everyday activities we endure. They are essential to life. However, as much as taking the car to work, as opposed to walking because today is a 'bad day', can make you feel better; the reality is that that one drive could have contributed to the release of sulphur dioxide. Hazardous gases are poisoning the air and are having a negative impact on our climate. Droughts worldwide. Increased temperatures. Animals endangered. Not only animals would be affected but us too... Lung Cancer is one of the many deadly diseases that would be affecting us.

So, what can we do to reduce pollution and prevent the devastating implications it will cause in the future? Everyone can help by cutting down on the amount of electricity we use or avoiding using cars when you could walk or bike. If everyone made an effort to control the amount of pollution we create the world could be a cleaner and less dangerous place. The terrible effects of air pollution can be avoided and stopped from getting worse. Although the ice caps have already started to melt and it sometimes rains acid it is not too late to turn this around. What about the polar bears? What about us?

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