

## Global Report

An entry to Young Reporters for the Environment by Callum Alexander

Dear Reader,

My name is Callum Alexander, currently living in Perth and Kinross, Scotland and I am 15 years old. For the last twelve months, I have been working on an extensive project I call 'Global Report', of which examines and addresses the injustices, threats and man-made crises throughout the world today, whether that is through the global climate, water, air, food and humanitarian crises. The 'Global Report' is more than 200 pages long, contains around 120,000 words and comprises of ten chapters including context, preface and epilogue/conclusion. By the end of the report in a category called 'Conclusion', it describes a list of Environmental and Human rights laws that must be passed under international law during the 26th UN Climate Conference (COP26) to prevent



irreversible disaster to the world's ecology, economy and future generations. These audacious laws show of what not only must be done to meet the Paris Climate Agreement by reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions by 55% by 2030, and become net-zero by 2050, but to indeed achieve all 'Global Goals' that the United Nations presented to the world's nations in 2015 in dire regard to ameliorate wildlife and the entirety of humanity. I bear solutions to the climate crises and more not of advanced technology, but of International policies that are set to protect all peoples and prevent a further deterioration of crises throughout the world.

The truth of the matter is that people are talking about the COP26 to be the conference to change the world and is our very last hope for the world and humanities survival. However, if we have learned anything from the Paris Climate Accord, it is that allowing individuals governments to set their own climate targets as they have proven time after time that they have failed to the requisition to meet climate targets is evidently unreliable and is now plainly becoming considerably dangerous. The IPCC has found that unprecedented action is required to meet climate targets set by the United Nations. And it is said without any doubt, that if many government bodies continue to make self-climate targets which are inefficient or continue to fail in achieving their climate targets, our world, and civilization along with it will deteriorate and collapse.

Major changes in our worlds system are needed because it is indisputable of how corrupt the current system is that when a corporation or company can knowingly violate Human Rights, pollute and cause the deaths of countless people and decimate the environment, and yet seem to pay no, or little penalty towards their actions, and then still continue to kill and pollute as it is more profitable than to otherwise implement Human Right laws and environmental legislation and regulation. The

international system is failing to protect humanity and the rest of the world, with incontrovertible proof displayed by the calamitous effects of climate change, pollution, escalating poverty, increasing chronic diseases among people, and of course, the COVID-19 pandemic. We should not only make unequivocal and audacious actions (shown in 'Conclusion') because we can do, and not because we should do, but because we need to in order to survive.

The years of 2020 and 2021 must certainly represent the intent significance and purpose in learning from man - made mistakes of which we have so appreciably decimated planet earth and all its inhabitants. In other words, once we emerge out from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is pivotal that we as a human race do not revert back to "normal life", because our way of "normal life" is not efficient and is indeed killing humans and planet Earth. We cannot live in the same culture that forced us into this substantial crisis of the Coronavirus pandemic, climate change, poverty, war and far more, and hope that all these crises will merely disappear. One of the greatest threats to humanity is the inability to learn from many of our own man-made mistakes at all, or simply not fast enough. If we do not learn from our past mistakes, history will inevitably repeat itself and will cause us to face the brink of collapse.

What we have been doing for the last past decades in attempts to prevent the escalation of Greenhouse Gas emissions and Climate Change is clearly not the answer, perhaps it has been helpful in spreading awareness about climate change by imposing flawed emission targets, but is clearly not the answer, and that the situation is getting worse year by year, with apparent evidence from the UN Environmental Programme that indeed reports that Greenhouse Gas Emissions are still increasing, and that the world is headed for a excess of even 3 °C breach of climate temperature. It is now close to six years since the Paris Climate Accord was signed by 189 nations, however no International progress has been made to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions world-wide. Instead of it being six years of climate rectification, it has instead been six wasted years for climate collapse and spoliation.

Humanity was born with new and intelligent ideas that shaped our world today of which we live in, and that is precisely what our world needs now. People talk about "a lost generation" from staying out of schools due to the effect of Coronavirus pandemic. However, I believe that the young generation should stop being perceived as a lost generation, and instead regarded and r-illustrate as the "learned generation", about how we can prevent a breach in the Paris Climate Agreement and prevent future pandemics, and prevent war, abolish poverty, end inequality and racial injustice, and so create peace throughout the world, one of which does not inly division, but a free world for everyone to enjoy at their own privilege and basic human right. Only if we work together and all move forward as a society to prior and achieve these goals will we succeed.

I believe it is best said that it would be Impossible to limit a rise in Global temperatures and avoid irrevocable crises throughout the world if the COP26 summit fails to impose and regulate climate, environmental, wildlife and humanitarian policies that are audacious, but balanced, under international law to protect the environment, all people.