

The climate and ecological emergency is here. Change is already happening. It will only get worse and accelerate without radical and wide-ranging actions.

This does not mean there is no hope.

This does not mean we should give up.

The more action we take, the better all our futures will be.

We should join together and take action, not just individually or as families, but as communities and collectively. Importantly we should focus a lot of our efforts on making politicians, governments, businesses and corporations change their behaviour: locally, nationally and internationally.

Politicians have been known to kick the can down the road. Strong words can turn into weak deeds, and even weaker actions.

Many business models are designed to focus on short term profit or shareholder pay outs and not notice the wider damage that is done to the environment. There is even a term for this damage that economic students learn from GCSE onwards: a "negative externality".

Individually we can:

- cycle more
- recycle more
- eat less meat
- buy organic
- take less flights
- consume less animal products
- consume less generally
- even have fewer or no children.

These are actions individuals can take if they have the time and luxury to do so.

Our other job is to hold those with power to account.

Let's ask why we aren't seeing the changes the children writing in this book want to see happen.

And then let's work together, making the powerful take the radical and wide-ranging actions we all need to see happen.

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