

Introducing Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future

Activity 2.2: Who is responsible?

Ages: 8+

Aims

To raise awareness that what people do might affect others living in another part of the world and to ensure that pupils understand that countries suffering most from the effects of climate change are not the ones contributing most to it.

You will need

- Internet access to the Wikipedia map (based on data from the UN Millennium Development Goals Indicators)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:CO2_per_capita_per_country.png#file
- A world map

What to do

Show the class the Wikipedia map of CO₂ per capita per country. Explain that it shows the amount of carbon dioxide produced on average per person, per year. Discuss with the class what they can see on the map. They may need to refer to a world map to help them answer some of the questions:

- Which countries produce the most carbon dioxide?
- Which parts of the world produce least?
- Does the UK produce a lot of carbon dioxide?
- Which parts of the world are worst affected by climate change?