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Climate Change!

What you can do

This month, world leaders are meeting from 7 to 18 December to discuss climate change and agree what can be done to tackle it.

What can I do?

Here are some ideas on what you can do to cut down your CO2 emissions:

- Recycle everything your local council will collect
- Switch to energy saving light bulbs
- Switch off appliances when you don't use them
- Turn down your thermostat by 1°C
- Try walking instead of driving/use public transport/ride a bike
- Only boil as much water as you need
- Buy energy saving appliances
- Buy your fruit and vegetables locally
- Go on holiday closer to home and avoid flying

You can find more information on <http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/actonco2/home.html> and <http://www.actoncopenhagen.decc.gov.uk/en/>

You can sign the Leeds Climate Pledge here:
http://www.leedsinitiative.org/environment/pledge_1.aspx

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Merry Christmas!

Europe Direct Leeds are part of the yearly Christmas Decorations Exchange, organised by Europe Direct Llangollen, Wales. Primary school children across the European Union have been preparing Christmas decorations to send to partners in other member countries.



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community for schools in
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<http://www.etwinning.net>

Sharing European
Memories:
<http://www.sharingmemo-ries.eu/>

Key Points on the Road to Copenhagen

- 1. Rio:** In 1992, at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), an international treaty created to prevent dangerous climate change resulting from emissions of greenhouse gases. A total of 192 parties have ratified the UNFCCC and it entered into force in 1994.
- 2. Kyoto:** In 1997, parties to the UNFCCC added the Kyoto Protocol. This created the first and only legally binding targets for developed nations, and important international monitoring, reporting and verification mechanisms to enforce compliance. It obliged developed nations to reduce their emissions to an average of 5.2 per cent below 1990 levels between 2008 and 2012. The Kyoto Protocol has been ratified by 189 governments and entered into force in 2005. The United States has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol.
- 3. Bali:** In 2007 the parties to the UNFCCC adopted the Bali Action Plan. This opened a new negotiation track under the UNFCCC in an effort to bring the United States into line with other developed nations, who were asked to continue the Kyoto track by negotiating targets for the Protocol's second commitment period, which would start in 2013.



This Month's Q&A

Q: Where can I find information on climate change?

A: For a start, try

Homepage of the Copenhagen Climate Conference: <http://en.cop15.dk/>

European Climate Action:
http://ec.europa.eu/climateaction/index_en.htm

European Commission: Environment: Climate Change:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/home_en.htm

European Environment Agency: Climate Change:
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/climate>

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