

Environmental Thoughts...

“Children are among the first victims both of underdevelopment and of environmental degradation. In all countries of the world, rich and poor, they are the first to suffer from poverty, malnutrition, disease and pollution”.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali

“I am not an expert, I am just the father of four children who doesn't want my children - or any children to inherit a world where the air is not fit to breathe and where they have to run for cover every time the sun comes out”.

Paul McCartney

“The politicians of this planet must act soon for if they do not, they will not have a planet left to practise politics on”.

Paul McCartney

“In our community, we use and re-use.... Re-use is an idea the West can borrow from the developing world. It sure is the cheapest form of recycling”.

Suhail Sheriff, Tanzania

“If you are thinking a year ahead, sow seed. If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree. If you are thinking one hundred years ahead, educate the people”

Chinese poem 500 BC

“...the ‘environment’ is where we all live: and ‘development’ is what we all do

“Our Common Future”

“Unless we are able to translate our words into a language that can reach the minds and hearts of people, young and old, we shall not be able to undertake the extensive social changes needed to correct the course of development.”

“Our Common Future”

“If people suddenly disappeared from the Earth, the planet could recover and within 1,000 years, it would look as it did 100,000 years ago. If insects disappeared, nothing on land would survive.”

Rafael Gonzalez Urdaneta, Mexico

“Though everything may seem everlasting, caring should start from the youth in me.”

Angela Shima, Phillipines

“I can't understand why adults are so stupid to think that technology can solve every single problem.”

Mauricio Flores Castro, Mexico

“My parents told me the forest is sacred. In the past, trees were cut responsibly, not indiscriminately for money as they are today.”

Chris Ugwa, Nigeria

“By simply taking one less car journey a week you could reduce air pollution and help relieve my asthma”

Matthew Graham, Birmingham

“ Everything I do has a small effect on the planet and, together with my friends and family and everyone else, all these small effects create one big one”

Joe Bailey, Birmingham

“If there are dangerous things or people where you live then you cannot be as free to do the things which make a place more sustainable”

Sangita Malik, Birmingham

“By looking at your own attitudes, hopes and dreams you get a sense of how far you are personally prepared for a sustainable life style”

Anne Wright

“A good life style is one where there is balance between the hours you work and rest. Being a workaholic is not sustainable when you don't have time to play”

James Carter Birmingham.