

YOUTH ON THE MOVE - RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The United Nations climate talk in Doha failed again, Russia, Japan and Canada all resigned from the treaty. The United States never ratified the treaty, and in 2001, then President George W. Bush refused to adhere to any of its mandates, stripping the treaty of the support or resources of the world's (at the time) largest polluter. China has since moved into the top spot.

The treaty now covers countries responsible for only 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, mostly represented by the European Union and Australia.

The initial aim of the treaty was to reduce global emissions to 1990 levels, but in that regard it has been a failure. Global emissions are set to rise 2.6 percent this year, up 50 percent from 1990 levels.

Red Cross Red Crescent youth are already taking action on climate change. They are learning more about climate change in their countries and communities, making sure youth voices are being heard, getting together in groups to discuss climate change and creating projects that address its impacts in their communities.

Please find attached presentations for our youth in Gloucester.

<http://www.climatecentre.org/site/youth>

1. Climate change and the Red Cross / Red Crescent presentation
 - What's happening?
 - How does it affect us?
 - What can we do?
2. Youth on move: What is climate change?
3. Fragile Earth magazine