Education unlocks climate action

The research questions below can help teachers to formulate assignments and also support students with other types of project work, both inside and outside the classroom.

- How does education promote sustainable practices?
- Can education help to reduce carbon emissions?
- What are the long-term environmental costs associated with not investing in education?
- What is the relationship between education and environmental awareness?
- How is education linked to disaster resilience?
- Can investing in education help a country reduce costs related to the environment?

These clear topic statements help students to express their opinion and can form the basis of their argument in essay responses or other projects.

Overall
- Education changes behaviours and fosters sustainable environmental practices.
- Increased education leads to higher levels of environmental concern and awareness.
- Education provides a pathway to intergenerational learning and parental adoption of positive environmental attitudes.

Climate change
- The more a country invests in education, the more prepared it is to address the climate crisis.
- Education is a critical tool for providing important information about the climate and environment to young people.
- Girls' education is one of the most effective tools we have to fight climate change.
- Education increases a country's capacity to adapt, reducing the risk of climate-related disasters.
- Investment in education reduces carbon emissions.
- Education benefits vulnerable groups that are disproportionately affected by climate change the most.
- Education is the best tool we have to better understand our fragile ecosystem and address climate change.

Jobs
- Higher levels of education are associated with increased skills for green-based technology jobs.
- Higher levels of education are associated with better farming practices.
- A better-educated labour force is essential to ensuring the technological transformation required to combat climate change.