

# THE CLIMATE CHANGE GAME

## HOW SOON BEFORE WE TOPPLE?

GAME OVER

- RAINFALL PATTERNS SHIFT
- INTENSE DROUGHTS & FLOODS
- ICE CAPS MELT
- SEA LEVELS RISE
- ECO-SYSTEMS DESTROYED



OUR LIFESTYLES ARE DEVASTATING THE EARTH AND ALL LIFE ON IT

IF WE TOPPLE, WILL IT BE

GAME OVER?



TIPPING POINT

**CO<sub>2</sub>** AND OTHER **GHGs** EMITTED THROUGH OUR LIFESTYLE CHOICES ARE CHANGING OUR CLIMATE. MORE HEAT THAN EVER BEFORE IS TRAPPED IN OUR ATMOSPHERE, **INCREASING GLOBAL TEMPERATURES**



UNSTABLE CLIMATE

**SINCE LATE 1700s** WE EXTRACT AND BURN FOSSIL FUELS- **COAL, OIL AND NATURAL GAS**- TO MAKE ELECTRICITY AND TO FUEL OUR LIFESTYLES, EMITTING HUGE VOLUMES OF **CO<sub>2</sub>**



AT THE SAME TIME, WE **CLEAR FORESTS** FOR AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY



LESS **CO<sub>2</sub> REMOVED** FROM OUR ATMOSPHERE



STABLE CLIMATE

EARTH'S CLIMATE AND THE LEVEL OF **CO<sub>2</sub>** IN OUR ATMOSPHERE CHANGED THROUGHOUT HISTORY

BUT! OVER THE PAST **8,000 YEARS** OUR CLIMATE STABILISED AND **LIFE ON EARTH FLOURISHED**



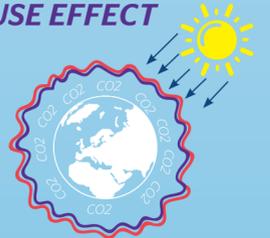
GREENHOUSE EFFECT

SUNLIGHT ENTERS OUR ATMOSPHERE TO REACH EARTH



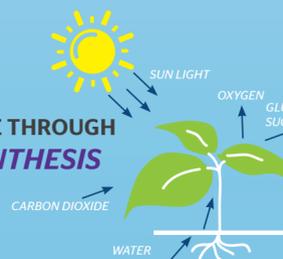
GHGs THEN TRAP EXITING ENERGY FROM EARTH'S HEATED SURFACE LIKE A BLANKET PREVENTING US FROM FREEZING

THIS IS THE NATURAL **GREENHOUSE EFFECT**

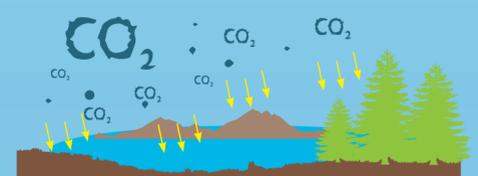


EXIT CARBON DIOXIDE

**CO<sub>2</sub>** EXITS OUR ATMOSPHERE THROUGH **PHOTOSYNTHESIS**



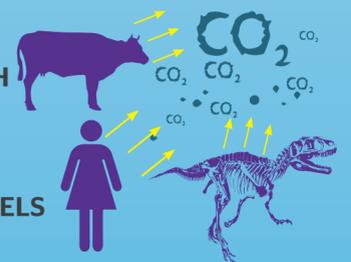
IT IS ALSO ABSORBED BY SEA, SOIL AND STORED IN TREES



ENTER CARBON DIOXIDE

**CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub>)** CAN CAUSE OUR CLIMATE TO CHANGE

**CO<sub>2</sub>** ENTERS OUR ATMOSPHERE THROUGH BREATHING HUMANS AND ANIMALS, VOLCANOES, DECAYING PLANTS, AND FOSSIL FUELS



WEATHER AND CLIMATE

**WEATHER =** DAY TO DAY CONDITIONS IN OUR ATMOSPHERE

wet humid dry cold hot windy

**CLIMATE =** AVERAGE WEATHER PATTERN OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME

**CLIMATE VARIES** ACROSS OUR WORLD

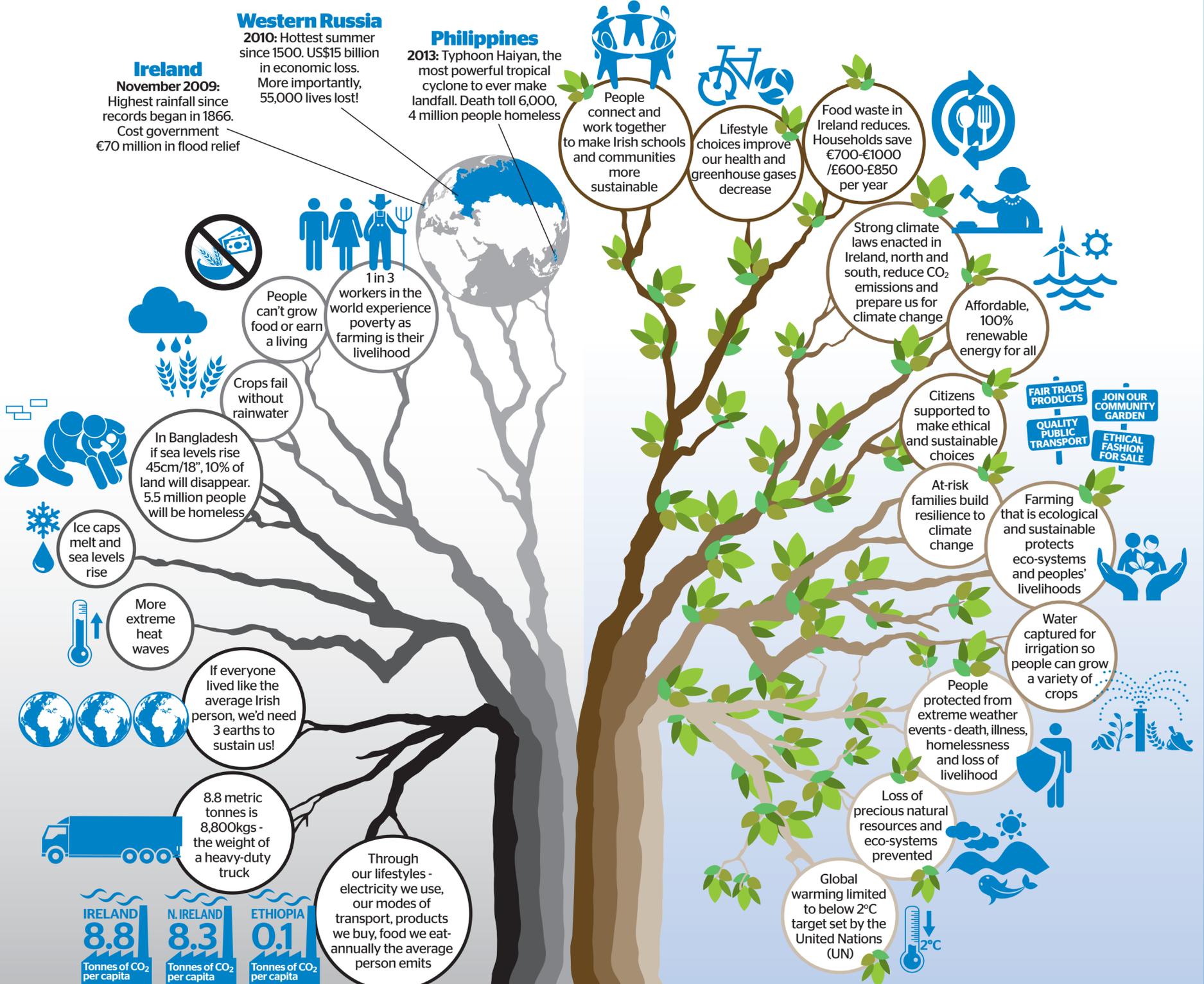


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CLIMATE CHANGE BUILDING BLOCKS

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# Climate Justice Tree



**Injustice**

**CLIMATE**

**Justice**

**Our actions cause greenhouse gases to increase**

**Temperatures rise**

**Rainfall patterns change**

**Record-breaking weather events increase**

**Our actions cause greenhouse gases to decrease**

**Vulnerable communities adapt**

**Governments take action**

**We change**

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