

Christiana Figueres

Here at Dynamic Earth, discussing the Climate Emergency is very important to us, including how we can all play our part in helping.

While our individual behaviour changes are important, also vital is that the world's governments agree on actions to drastically cut [greenhouse gas](#) emissions and limit global heating.

Getting governments to agree is very difficult but one woman in particular has been at the centre of the international negotiations and is often recognised as the leader on global climate change – **Christiana Figueres**.



Golden toad (Bufo periglenes)

Watch the documentary [The Search for the Golden Toad](#) to learn more about the animal that inspired Christiana's work

Originally from Costa Rica, Christiana Figueres was born into a very political family and was inspired to work on the climate problem because of a toad! The golden toad used to be very common when Figueres was a young girl, but by the time she had children of her own, the golden toad was extinct in Costa Rica, and critically endangered around the world. This made her realise that her children were going to grow up in a world "diminished by our carelessness". Since, she has played a key role in moving us closer to fixing the problem and building a better world for everyone. One of her greatest achievements is leading the Paris Agreement in 2015 – the historic climate agreement between world governments.

Here are some inspirational quotes from this incredible woman:

- "Impossible is not a fact – it is an attitude."
- "There is no way you can deliver victory without optimism."
- "We cannot ask others to do what we have not done ourselves."
- "Educating young women and empowering women to come to decision-making tables is the strongest thing that we can do for the climate. When there are more women in boardrooms and in high-level positions in institutions, you get decisions that are wiser and longer term."

Postponed from November 2020 until 2021, Glasgow is set to host the latest UN Climate Talks (**COP26**) at which world leaders will again discuss, and hopefully agree on, goals and targets to help us avoid a climate catastrophe in the future. To do this, we must cut our global carbon emissions in half by 2030.

