

Here's a special opportunity for those of you who have entered topic number 3:

“What positive steps can you or I start to take to tackle climate change?”

Meredith Hooper, the award-winning writer of non-fiction books for children, has kindly donated and signed 4 copies of her latest book to give to the top essays in this category.

If you're thinking of writing your essay on this topic, remember, we are looking for creativity, passion and interest in how *you* feel that we as individuals can start tackling the problem of climate change; what we can do as a community, country and on a global platform.

Meredith has written many books for children and has a particular passion for Antarctica. Even if Antarctica feels like a long way from home, the issues of climate change touch us all and we need our young people to start thinking now..... Do you want to learn more?

Click here to read more about Meredith's book: ['The Ferocious Summer. Palmer's penguins and the warming of Antarctica'](#)

Here's a note from Meredith about what she experienced on her trip to Antarctica:

'Working for a summer in the Antarctic with a team of sea-bird ecologists I experienced the amazing opportunity to study the busy lives of knee-high Adelie penguins. I'm not a scientist - but scrambling over small rocky islands where the penguins nested I began learning how to observe, how to help with monitoring, and collecting data. As a writer I'd already had extraordinary chances to see and experience Antarctica, introducing this vast continent at the bottom of our planet to all ages of readers. Now I was finding out how scientists were trying to understand the rapid climate change happening along the Antarctic peninsula, one of the fastest warming places on earth. My book 'The Ferocious Summer: Palmer's Penguins and the Warming of Antarctica' tells the story of the penguins, the scientist working with them, and the amazing continent of Antarctica.'