**“Planet Earth Needs Our Help”** is a stand-alone, easy-to-read, story book for children, introducing the topic of climate change. Self-published by local artist and writer Marylyn Cropley, it presents a "springboard" to other activities and information, for use by schools, libraries, discovery/educational centres, organisations and families with young children. It comes with notes that link to each page of the book, introducing subjects relating to caring for our planet, and raising awareness on the impact of global warming, and our lifestyles, on our planet and its inhabitants.

Individuals such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and school governors have purchased books over the past year, and the local RSPB have presented this book at their events.

In October 2016, Poole Library purchased copies, and launched the book with a family workshop presented by Marylyn. This workshop prompted Poole Library to showcase other childrens' books on related topics, and to exhibit these alongside "Planet Earth Needs Our Help". After listening to the story, children aged 5-11 years created their own illustrations inspired by the book. Adults accompanying the children found the book helpful in giving them a simple introduction and overview of Climate Change issues.

“Planet Earth Needs Our Help” is promoted as a not-for-profit project, to raise awareness and be accessible to as wide an audience as possible. Marylyn is seeking further outlets for the book in 2017 by approaching schools, relevant organisations, environmental shops and potential sponsors.

Could this book help YOU to find ways to Help Planet Earth?

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