

# What will it really take to deal with the climate emergency? Mike Berners-Lee





## There is No Planet B A Handbook for the Make or Break Years

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## Here we are in the Anthropocene

For better and worse Like it or not Ready or not





## Is there *really* no Planet B?





#### There Is No Planet B: A Handbook for the Make or Break Years

Energy

#### Climate Biodiversity

Food

Plastics



Ocean Acidification

Other Pollution Disease Threat

Transport

Population

# **Energy and climate**



### Climate emergency in one slide





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How much of the world's land area would need to be covered in solar panels to meet today's human energy needs?





#### But if we keep growing our supply ....



**2017** 0.1% = 228 miles square

**2117** 1.0% = 794 miles square





**2217** 10.4% = 2445 miles square

**2317** 111.8% = 8004 miles square

## Who gets the sunlight?







## Those with fossil fuels usually also have sun







### Who has the wind?



## Technical Solution to Energy and Climate



# Food, Land and Sea



## How much human-edible food do we grow?



Edible crops grown 5935 Grass, pasture and stover eaten by animals 3812



Grown





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## Soya vs Beef





#### Two-thirds of the **world's antibiotics** go to animals











#### kgCO2e per 50 g protein

GHG emissions (kg CO2e)



# When is a seabass not a seabass?



## Technical solution to food and land

Ready to go right now



Mainly R&D

so far

education, poverty elimination and women's rights

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#### Inequality

**Business** 

# Economics Growth – of what?

Jobs

### Metrics



### Two big questions for the Anthropocene:

# What should we grow?

And for everything else...

## How can we stop wanting more?



## The ten wealthiest Americans could quadruple the wealth of the poorest half of Africa - and still be billionaires







# How many weeks can we expect to spend in prison during our lifetime?



## Eight new thinking skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century





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## When it's all so global, what can we do?





# What might we aim for?

## When it's all so global, what can we do?



## Role model



#### Average UK person's Greenhouse Gas Footprint: 12.7 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per year







## When it's all so global, what can we do?





## A race between tipping points

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# There is No Planet B A Handbook for the Make or Break Years

Thank you for listening Any questions? What do *you* think?

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