

## Natural Disasters by Stephen Kenny

Natural Disasters are playing a massive role in the world. Here in Ireland, there is a risk of rising sea levels and increased flooding on Irelands Coastlines. Shockingly by 2050 Dublin, Cork and Galway could be underwater! The world is changing and changing fast, and it has to stop.

In the United States, natural disasters lost 23 billion dollars already in 2023. They have had 2 floods, 18 severe storms, a tropical storm, wildfire and a blizzard and its only October. In the 2010s 45,274 people have lost their lives from disasters. Already in the 2020s 12,886 people have lost their lives, meaning if this was to continue by 2030, 90,000 people will have died which is bigger than Croke Park, according to stats.

In Europe, floods are the most common disaster. From 1980 to 2020 natural disasters affected nearly 50 million and on average 12 billion euro per year according to the European Union.

Now you are probably wondering how do we try to prevent this from happening? There are ways to prevent this from happening and we need to do it now before it is too late. If you live near a workplace or a place in particular, cycle to the place as firstly you are getting some exercise for yourself plus you are not spreading carbon emissions as they harm the environment. 4.6 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year with 2.3 pounds an average human exhales. Another way would be electric cars. Electric Cars are expensive at the moment but are slowly being used around the world.

Many countries are trying their very best to try and prevent this from further destruction that might affect our future. Denmark, Sweden and Chile leading the way in helping our future and also the “Paris Agreement” in which 196 countries signed to help our future.

We need to take action now! This is our future and our survival depends on it!