

# Air quality around the world



Ireland's air is relatively clean as, like many developed countries, we have the technology and resources to combat pollution. This sadly is not the case for all countries. According to the World Health Organisation, cities with the worst air pollution in the world are

Karachi in Pakistan  
Beijing in China  
Lima in Peru  
Cairo in Egypt

Some of these cities are in developing countries and they do not have the money to spend on cleaner technologies and greener vehicles. Importantly air pollution is not just a concern for developing countries, as pollution knows no boundaries. Cities close to Ireland, like Rome and London, suffer from high levels of air pollution.

## **Activity:**

Find the cities mentioned above on a world map (blank A4 printable map provided)  
Choose one or more cities and research their situation with air pollution.  
Some ideas to look at are:

- What are the main causes of air pollution in that city?
- What affect does it have on the people and on the environment?
- What measures, if any, have been put in place to improve the quality of the air?
- Can you think of any more ideas to reduce pollution in each city?