

# sustainable Morld

## **Working Manual**

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the planet earth needs us!

Today we are 7,500,000,000 people in this planet and that is a lot of people! That means that a lot of work is needed to provide food, houses, transportation, clean air, safe water and energy for everybody.

It also means that all the activities we do, from going to school to buying a hamburger, and even building an airport affect the health of the planet and the lives of people in many ways that we cannot imagine.

We, the Playful Architects, have the power to imagine how to fix the problems of our world, but before, we have to understand what the problems are!



The United Nations is an organization (like a club) where all the countries of the world meet from time to time to talk about the problems of the world and to think how to solve them.

The United Nations discovered that, with so many people living in the planet, we need to do common activities in a different, sustainable way.

They have thought of 17 goals that can help the planet recover and allow all people to live better.

In Playful Architect, we have chosen 10 of these goals to learn about the biggest problems in the world, and think how to fix them using architecture, our drawing skills and our imagination! Choose the goal you like the most and then draw how you imagine a sustainable world, with the craziest, best ideas you can think of.





Source: https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/

Playful Architect: 10 ideas to create a Sustainable World			
WATER	Ensure clean water and better sanitation for everybody	Use technological advances and innovation to live and work better	TECH
OCEANS	Protect and use oceans and coasts carefully	Build safe, beautiful and sustainable cities and communities	CITIES
HEALTH	Offer healthy, sporty and relaxed lifestyles for all ages	Help to fight against climate change by using responsible products and transportation	CLIMATE
	Make sure all boys and girls receive education of high quality	Improve how we grow, distribute and consume food so there is no hunger anywhere in the world	FOOD
ENERGY	Produce renewable, clean, and cheap energy and fuels	Protect forests, ecosystems and natural resources	NATURE

- 30% of people don't have clean drinking water where they live
- ▲ 40% of people live in places where there is very little water to use
- Almost all the dirty water from agriculture, factories and cities go to the rivers and the sea without being cleaned up
- Flooding is the most dangerous natural disaster in the world



#### Some ideas!

Water treatment in houses, factories and farms



- Buildings and roads that let rainwater return to the around
  - Roofs and fountains that collect rainwater





#### What's the problem?

- Half the people on the planet need the oceans as their main source of food
- In some places, we are fishing more than the ocean can renovate
- Oceans are full of plastic! Plastic waste that ends up in the sea takes thousands of years to disintegrate, killing sea animals and birds
- Oceans and coasts need to be used responsibly and carefully

#### Some ideas!

- Special ships and floating buildings that collect plastic from the sea
  - Floating or underwater housing buildings
- Schools and laboratories that study the oceans, their animals and plants
  - Parks by the sea that can control floods and waves





- 5 million children die every year due to little or no medical care
- Only half the women receive good healthcare in poor countries
- Hospitals and clinics are concentrated in cities, leaving some towns and regions without healthcare
- Cities need better sanitation, rubbish disposal and pollution control

# health 🚱

#### Some ideas!

- Building more hospitals and clinics in the countrysides
- Active health equipment and designs in cities and towns
- Buildings that help people do sports, relax and rest quietly











## education

#### What's the problem?

- 57 million primary age children still don't go to any school
- Africa is the continent in most need for new and better schools
- Half the children that cannot go to school live in conflict areas
- 617 million young people are not able to read or do maths



#### Some ideas!

Mobile schools that can go where they are most needed  $\widehat{V}$ 

- Using the internet to teach remotely
- Schools that can produce their own food and furniture







- 13% of people in the world have no electricity at all
- The production of energy is the principal cause of climate change
- Many poor people use dangerous combustibles to cook or heat their houses
- Only 17.5% of all energy produced today is renewable

# energy

#### Some ideas!

- Design and build solar and wind farms
- Buildings and houses that produce their own energy
  - Power plants that turn rubbish into energy



## **b** technology

#### What's the problem?

- Developing countries need better roads, communications, electricity and technology
- Small and medium manufacturing companies are the best job creators, but they need support
- 16% of people have no access to the internet
- Agro-industries have a big potential to help poor countries

#### Some ideas!

- Innovative transportation and communication ideas
- Building technology parks near schools and universities
- Help schools to install modern learning systems
  - Use technology to build smarter, cleaner buildings







- Half the people in the world live in cities - and more are movina
- Cities are growing the fastest in poor and developing countries
- Cities consume the most energy and produce the most waste
- Fast and uncontrolled urbanization causes pollution, over-uses fresh water and damages the environment, public health and heritage



#### Some ideas!

- Create smart cities where everything is connected
- Building green architecture and sustainable communities
  - Preserve, renovate and use architectural heritage





#### What's the problem?

- The world has become a lot warmer in the last 100 years; snow and ice are less and oceans are bigger
- We are producing 50% more carbon dioxide (CO2) since 1990
- Climate change provokes glacier shrinking, extreme storms, flooding and severe draughts
- Sea levels will rise up to 63 cm by the year 2100, which means many coastal cities will disappear or move inland

#### Some ideas!

- Build special protections in the cities agains flooding, hurricanes and other disasters
- Make buildings carbon-neutral (meaning their construction and use don't affect climate)



Build with local materials that regulate temperatures and help buildings use less energy







- Hunger is a big problem in the world today: almost 10% of the world population is hunary
- 66 million children go to school hungry everyday, most of them in southern Asia and Africa
- Small farms provide 80% of all the food in developing countries
- Agriculture provides work for almost half of humanity



#### Some ideas!

- Sustainable crops, fish, beehive and herbs farms
- Food growing inside the cities, buildings and houses
  - Markets selling only local food produce





#### What's the problem?

- 1/4 of the world population depends on forests for their subsistence
- In the last 5 years we have lost more than 3 million hectares of forests around the world
- Illegal hunting and sales of wildlife impact nearly 7,000 species of animals and plants
- 22% of world animals are in risk of extinction in the near future

#### Some ideas!

- Build more and better botanical aardens, wildlife shelters and zoos to protect animals
  - Create more national parks, protected areas and nature learning centers in the wild
    - Use local and sustainable natural materials in construction
    - Design green architecture that integrates and mixes with nature







### I chose my goal! now what?

Let's see what you can draw! Imagine what kind of building, house, city, or incredible idea will help us

reach the goal you have chosen. Take an A3 paper and paint with anything you want: pencils, crayons, watercolors, oil colors, charcoal, fingerpaint, chalk... even collages and computer drawing!





### My drawing is ready!

Good job! Eveybody's works are unique and amazing, but some of them are truly special! See the works of your classmates and everyone together choose the 6 best ones. These 6 drawings will represent your school in Playful Architect.

## Where are the winning drawings going?

The winning drawings from your school will be sent to Prague to join the drawings of many other schools from around the world n the **Sustainable World exhibition**, which will be in Prague Castle in the Czech Republic. The exhibition will then travel around the world to be seen by hundreds of children just like you!





### Can I use my mobile phone while working?

Absolutely yes! We would like to see you and your friends working, so you can take photos of each other while drawing, and ask your teachers to choose the best ones to share with us and with other students. We will make a video with all the photos we receive to be played in the exhibition!



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