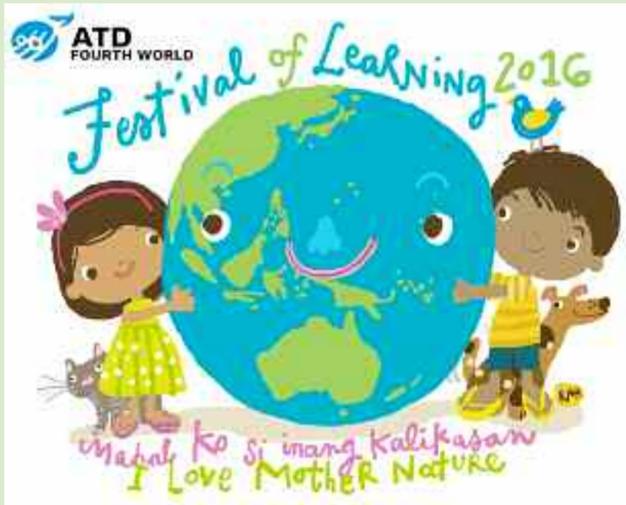


Philippines

In April it's the summer holidays in the Philippines. In Manila and the surrounding area there was a **Festival of Knowledge**. It was organised by members of ATD Fourth World along with parents, young people, artists and professionals. Together they ran various creative workshops using recycled materials on the theme: **"I love Nature!"**



Drawing by Robert Alejandro

Poland

Some children took part in the campaign **"Look! This is where I live!"** They made a very nice album to show where they live.



Friendship

Thailand

"Egypt and Thailand united by the same dream!"

'Khadija's Dream' is a story from Egypt. Khadija dreams of building a bridge of friendship between the children of her neighbourhood and those of a more fortunate neighbourhood nearby.

On 3rd March, the students of Phattalung, a city in the South of Thailand, acted out the story of Khadija in a play. In the play, a young girl talks about her dream that all students can understand those who have a difficult life or difficulty in school.



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Let's do something for the future of the Planet



A drawing by children from Bolivia

Some of you told us how you are taking care of the environment.

Many of you are doing things to protect the Earth.

Do you know that April the 22nd is International Earth Day? In this issue you will find messages and drawings by children from around the world!



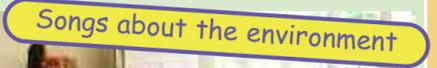
Flower making

Hats made from old paper and boxes

Caterpillar



Stories



Songs about the environment

In the North of the Philippines, in a village in Quirino Province, the children took part in the Festival of Knowledge for the first time. One of the activities was around the Tapori campaign, **"Look! This is where I live!"**



"What I like about where we live is that we breathe fresh air every morning. We have lots of vegetables which helps us to be healthy."
Aisa, aged 12



"Where we live there are many rice fields, beautiful trees and forests and our rivers are clean!"
Children of the Macabu School

Feeling good

"Nature makes us feel good."
Khadija, aged 10, Lebanon



A drawing by child from Philippines

"We speak about peace when we work in the cornfield. We need to have patience to wait for rain so we have some corn to trade. Peace takes time and patience."
Odilon, aged 13, Central African Republic

"We cannot live without trees and plants because they give us oxygen. Where I live, I like to rest under the trees when it's sunny. With my friends we want to fight against deforestation and work for the environment."

Alice, aged 7,
Democratic Republic of the Congo



Dora, aged 11, Croatia



Luka, 8 ans, Croatia



A drawing by children from Bolivia

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Protecting nature

"Why is nature important? Nature makes the city nicer. It is healthy, makes the environment nicer, gives us fresh air and protects the soil against erosion. Nature is alive, like people. It provides food to animals and people. Nature protects the Earth and we shouldn't destroy it."

Linah, Madagascar

"The spring is important because we need water to live."

Edan, 9 ans Kosovo



A drawing by children from Bolivia

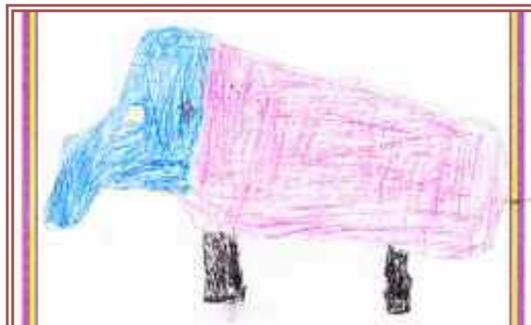
"We make oil with the flowers of this tree and it makes the village look nicer."
Elie, aged 11, DRC

"Birds are very important so that the trees grow well, and they take seeds and plants to other places where they will grow well."

Pierre Damien, aged 13
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dangers in nature

"I drew a hippopotamus because, where we are, they bother people when they want to wash or to get water from Lake Tanganjika. They sometimes kill children and grownups too. Where I live I would like the hippopotamuses not to kill people any more, and that they live in peace with us. I'd like to make the hippopotamuses friends of Tapor, because in Tapor we live with love."



Ladyslas, aged 8
Democratic Republic of the Congo



Bookmarks made by children from the Philippines

What we can do?

"Tapor friends!
In my neighbourhood, we met with our friends and we cleaned up to take care of the environment and the plants. It's very important to take care of the environment so we always have a rainbow."

Yhajaira, Bolivia



"I want a world without pollution and without rubbish. I want everybody to be happy in the future because it's very important to think ahead about the planet."

Paola, Bolivia

"Where I live, I like the good schools and the other neighbourhoods. I'd like the people of our neighbourhood to change their bad habits of throwing litter in the streets because it brings flies and we become sick."

Isac, aged 14 and Isdor, aged 12,
Democratic Republic of the Congo