Dear Friends, Tapori Facilitators,

For the next Tapori Facilitator Newsletter:

We will have news for you but we would also like to receive your ideas and suggestions. Please send us your news, tell us about any concerns that you have / questions that you are asked / issues that you face, let us know about your experience with Tapori resources, and give us your input on anything else that you feel will be of interest to your fellow facilitators.

To get the ball rolling here are two current issues.
Please let us have your feedback, based on your own experience, or on what you have seen in another group:

- 1 - From the responses to our evaluation and planning questionnaire it is clear that some Tapori facilitators work with young children aged 3, 4 or 5 whilst others are dealing with adolescents aged 14, 15 or 16 despite the fact that the Tapori target age group is from 7 to 13.

- If you fall into one of these two categories, what is the explanation?
- Does it make your job more difficult? Why?
- How do you tailor your approach?
- Does it work?

- 2 - We are approaching to 17 October, which is celebrated by children as well as by adults, although the children’s celebrations take a different form. Would you like to share what you do to introduce the topic to children with other facilitators who have yet to do so?

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By email: tapori@tapori.org
Via the Tapori website: http://en.tapori.org/ (click on “Write to us” and select “Adult”)

Let's experiment together! Keep in touch...

Educational tool 2018-2019, (available in French only) “Seeds of friendship for the planet”: Children, actors for our planet, in their house, their neighborhood, their school and other places where they live.

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A Tanzanian delegation visiting the offices of the Tapori international secretariat in Méry sur Oise, June 2018.

Society is in a constant state of change – very rapid change which can sometimes hurt children badly. In order to support them properly, we need to be able to learn from the experiences of others, and to see what has to be done to adapt to these changing circumstances.

We hope this newsletter will help you to learn from one another, to gain from shared experience, to reap the benefits of solidarity, and to pass the fruits of your collaboration via Tapori.

The newsletter will be your newsletter: your reports of Tapori sessions, your news, your problems, your questions and answers, your responses to specific issues which have arisen in your centres – and shared with your fellow facilitators. For anything which is more personal we will ask your permission before publishing, or you can request anonymity.

This first issue of the newsletter contains only some news and an outline of our plans, but we will work together to improve it in the future.
We continue to do all we can to help Tapori children take control of their own destiny and find their place in society. Tapori children show interest in other people, value friendship despite their differences, and share what they have – their smiles, their motivation, their happiness...

The secretariat’s change of location and personnel has prompted us to review the future of Tapori with some facilitators. Your experiences, ideas, concerns, observations and suggestions have helped us to start putting together a new plan.

In the light of your input, and mindful of the need to help Tapori children act as agents of change and as beacons of hope, we have decided to focus on three areas in the next few years: development of facilitators, of Tapori resources, and of the international Tapori secretariat.

### Areas of focus:

#### Development of Tapori facilitators, through:
- training
- establishing a greater knowledge of the children and their parents
- sharing ideas, concerns, knowledge and experience relating to Tapori sessions
- links and communications between facilitators
- links and communications between facilitators and the international secretariat

#### Development of the international Tapori secretariat:
Like you, we need to further develop our capacities. As well as making use of internal resources we need to train ourselves on the technical issues involved in communicating with the children of today: how best to approach them, to talk to them, to get our message across via Tapori.

#### Revamp of Tapori resources
In order to communicate the Tapori message to children and facilitators in a way that brings it to life.
Which topics to address and how?
How to make resources available to each and every child, worldwide?
How to give space and recognition to the wide variety of inputs from facilitators and children in different countries?

#### Big plans which need substantial investment

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### International Tapori secretariat development plans:

As you may already know there was in Bolivia until 2016 a Tapori secretariat dedicated to Spanish-speaking countries (Spain and Latin America). It has now been integrated in the international Tapori secretariat. From now on there is just one Tapori Newsletter published in four languages: French, English, Portuguese and Spanish.

We are on our third Tapori Newsletter. The first, N°417 (March-June 2018), was edited by the Ventilla group from Madrid, one of the Tapori groups in Spain. In it they talk about what they were doing at the time. This was a way of welcoming them into our circle and giving them the chance to introduce themselves. The issue of Human Rights is a sensitive one in certain countries. As for activities, we give each group the freedom to do as it sees fit.

Tapori Newsletter N°418 (July-September 2018) is also available. Edited by our Tapori friends in Laos, it introduces a summer holiday story called “The Dream Activity”. This newsletter focused on culture and dreams of this group.

The next Tapori Newsletter, N°419 (October-December 2018), will focus on 17 October, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, and on children’s rights.

### Tapori Newsletter:

#### Tapori website: some news available

Spanish: [http://es.tapori.org/](http://es.tapori.org/)

[Video of Father Joseph Wresinski](http://fr.tapori.org/) which explains the Tapori Movement (1979, International Year of the child)

The complete mini-book story from Laos, “The Dream Activity.”