

# Newsletter

## PLANET Fraternity



### The theme: Good Health

Planet FRATERNITY is a project that allows students and educational teams around the world to create bonds of brotherhood by working together on topical issues related to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. Every two months, a different theme is offered to the teams, so 5 themes will be offered over the entire school year. In January-February, the chosen choice is objective 3: **Good health and well-being**.



Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being of all at all ages are important to building successful societies.

However, despite the remarkable progress made in improving the health and well-being of the population in recent years, inequalities in access to health care persist.

More than six million children under the age of five die each year, and only half of women in developing regions have access to the health care they need. Epidemics such as HIV / AIDS thrive where fear and discrimination limit the ability of people to receive the services they need to enjoy healthy and productive lives.

Access to good health and well-being is a human right, and this is why the sustainable development agenda offers a new chance

to ensure that everyone - not just the richest - can have access to the highest standards in health and healthcare.

#### What can you do ?

You can educate your community about the importance of good health, healthy lifestyles and the right to quality health care services.

**Take action in your schools, clubs, teams to promote better health for all, especially for the most vulnerable such as women and children.**

### EDITORIAL

Dear friends

The proposal for educational renewal suggested by Pope Francis in his various speeches from 2015 is based on the conviction that education is an act of hope. It is a dynamic reality that leads the Pope to affirm that we know the transforming power of education.

Integral or multidimensional training appears essential: *We must seek to integrate the language of the head with the language of the heart and the language of the hands. Let a pupil think what he feels and what he does, let him feel what he thinks and what he does, let him do what he feels and what he thinks. The heart of the concept of the PLANET FRATERNITY project.*

The dynamics of the educational process must make room for the life experiences and learning processes of the pupils. Education requires entering into a sincere and loyal dialogue with young people. It is first of all they who must remind us of the urgency of this intergenerational solidarity.

This new education, offered to a changing generation, like the world, must also change, to listen to the voices and questions of young people, who have a lot to offer with their enthusiasm, their commitment and their thirst for truth. We see it and live it fully through this PLANET FRATERNITY project and the proposals of young people.

**More than ever, courage is needed to accelerate. Thank you to everyone for their energy deployed in this direction.** Do not hesitate to distribute all the information you receive to your entire network.

The theme worked on in February and March will be as follows: **GOOD HEALTH**.

**The PLANET FRATERNITY team thank you and wish you a very good year 2022.**

**Hervé Lecomte**  
Policy officer for the OIEC

# En route to PLANET Fraternity !

On November 18, 2021, Hervé Lecomte, project manager for the OIEC and Alejandra Beigbeder, director of The Improving, officially presented this magnificent Planet Fraternity project to the OIEC board of directors. It was a great joy to share the platform which is already creating wonderful fraternal links between young people around the world to make the construction of "The Common Home" a reality.



OIEC Board of Directors  
November 18, 2021

## Presentation to Congregations Rome - December 18, 2021



On December 18, 2021, at the invitation of Philippe Richard, Hervé Lecomte and Alejandra Beigbeder invited the Congregations to join the project.

## The Planet Fraternity project the first experiences

Since September, 15 countries have joined the Planet Fraternity project. This represents 114 classes and 2,621 students around the world. The construction of the education village is underway to the delight of young and old.

Even if some have had some technical difficulties to connect and communicate, the project is gradually taking place and some have already initiated great discussions.

At the Puebla Institute in Mexico, teachers had the chance to virtually meet their Filipino counterparts to organize the educational project.



Then the students, in front of their computer screen, were able to introduce themselves in English to their Filipino partners.

The brief overview of their city and settlement gave way to more work on one of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals: No Poverty.



In Lebanon, the English teacher at the college of the Sisters of the Rosary in Jbeil is enthusiastic about this project, which allows each of these students to open up to the world. It is a great opportunity for her to work in class on a subject as sensitive as poverty in the current context of her country. "What is poverty?", "Why do we need money?", "So many questions that nourish this structured space for individual and collective speech, allowing children to question themselves, to dialogue, listen to the other in his difference, and seek answers together.

## PLANET Fraternity CONTEST

### Brotherhood in pictures!

Planet Fraternity is running a great video contest for everyone in its community.

In the encyclical *Laudato si'*, the Holy Father invites everyone to collaborate to safeguard the common home. A few years later, he reiterated his invitation to dialogue on the way in which we are building the future of the planet: each change requires, in fact, an educational journey to develop a new universal solidarity and a more welcoming society.

For this reason, it is necessary to build an "education village" where we share, in diversity, the commitment to create a network of human and open relationships. This is how we can together create a future of peace, solidarity, a better future.

Make a short 2-minute video on the topic:

**"Building the education village together"**

- from November 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022 -

Send your videos in an email (or via wetransfer) containing your contact details (last name, first name, establishment, city / country) to the address:

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Planet Fraternity will succeed in creating networks among young people so that the fraternity is the basis of a better world. A world in which human beings help each other to share the riches of the planet on which we live and which feeds us. A world in which we will take care of each other so that they continue to support us. Planet Fraternity will ensure that love erases the differences that man has created for centuries and which have been the source of so much suffering.

With Planet Fraternity, we are on the right track to build a better world:

**"The Common Home".**