GLOBAL CHILDREN'S DESIGNATHON 2027: AI & OUR WORLD

Children designing the future in an age of AI

Artificial Intelligence is increasingly shaping the world children are growing up in. It is changing how we learn, create and share information, understand our planet, and communicate with each other.

But what does this changing world look like through children's eyes?

For the Global Children's Designathon 2027, children around the world will explore AI and its impact on their lives and their future. Rather than telling children what to think about AI, we invite them to question, investigate, imagine and design for themselves.



Children will explore AI through four areas that connect to their everyday lives:

- AI & Education

How is AI changing the way we learn, discover, create ideas and solve problems?

- AI & Environment

How could AI change the way we understand, live with and care for our planet and its resources?

- AI, News & Communication

How is AI changing what we see and hear, what we create and share, and how information travels between people?

- AI & Human Connection

How might AI change friendship, relationships, collaboration and the ways we connect with others?

There are no predetermined answers. Children will explore where AI could create new possibilities, where it could create challenges, and what they believe should happen next.

| The Design Challenge | Across these four areas, children will ask: *How might we design a future with AI that works better for people and the planet?*

Using the Designathon Method, children will investigate a challenge, generate ideas, build prototypes and share their vision for the future.

Their solutions may use AI, combine AI with human creativity, physical making and community action, or even question whether AI is needed at all. The important thing is that children decide.

The purpose is not to teach children what to think about AI, but to invite them to think critically, ask questions and design for themselves.

| AI without needing AI | Children do not need access to AI tools, laptops or even the internet to participate. For Global Children's Designathon 2027, we are also developing hands-on Analogue AI activities that help children explore how AI works through games, cards, scenarios, role-play and making.

Where digital technology is available, children can also experiment with AI tools. Where it is not, they can participate fully through the analogue activities.

This means every Global Children's Designathon host can take part, regardless of their community's level of digital access.

| From Users to Designers | Most conversations about children and AI focus on how children should use AI: safely, responsibly or effectively.

With Global Children's Designathon 2027, we want to go one step further: *What happens when children are invited to design what the future with AI should look like?*

Children are not positioned simply as users of technology, nor are they asked to celebrate or fear it. They observe how AI may be changing their world. They identify something they want to improve. They imagine alternatives. They make those ideas tangible through prototypes. And they explain the thinking behind their designs.

Across countries and communities, Global Children's Designathon 2027 will give thousands of children the opportunity to imagine and design their own responses to one of the biggest technological changes shaping their generation.

Interested in Hosting? We're inviting schools and educational organizations around the world to host an AI & Our World Designathon. Let's empower children to think critically about AI, explore its possibilities and challenges, and design the future they want to see. You can register here.

Are you interested and want more information? Visit www.designathonworks.com or contact ina@designathon.nl

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