

Planetary Kindness

Small actions, big difference

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The dream

What if society were to radically reimagine the role of the child? What if we all saw children as changemakers, activists, scientists or inventors? What if every child was offered a path to develop these abilities?

The ultimate aim of [Designathon Works](#) and its global community is to enable 1 million children around the world to become changemakers for a better world. Secondly we want society to include children in co-designing shared futures.



The background

At [Designathon Works](#), we believe that every child has the ability and the right to contribute to a better world. That belief drives our work: helping children everywhere develop the creative and critical thinking skills they need to take action on real-world issues.

Our unique method combines Design Thinking, STEAM education, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In hands-on workshops, children explore global challenges like climate change, inequality, or biodiversity loss, then work in teams to design and prototype their own solutions.

Since our founding in 2014, we've reached over [200,000 children](#) in diverse settings - from refugee camps in Kenya and slums in Mexico to classrooms in Amsterdam and science fairs in Shanghai. [Regardless of their gender, race, class, skill-level or learning ability](#), we ensure all children feel seen, heard, and capable of making a difference.

We're committed to a future where children are not only taught about the world's problems but invited to help solve them.

Global Children's Designathon

The Global Children's Designathon is more than an event, it's a celebration of children's creativity as a powerful force for positive change.

On **18 April 2026**, children from participating countries will come together for the 11th edition of this transformative experience.

This year's theme, **Planetary Kindness**, invites young participants to explore what kindness looks like in their communities and how empathy, care, and creative thinking can make the world better for people, animals, and the environment.

Their ideas will be shared with expert panels and a global audience, amplifying their voices and solutions.

By joining this global network, you support the empowerment of children and their educators across the world.

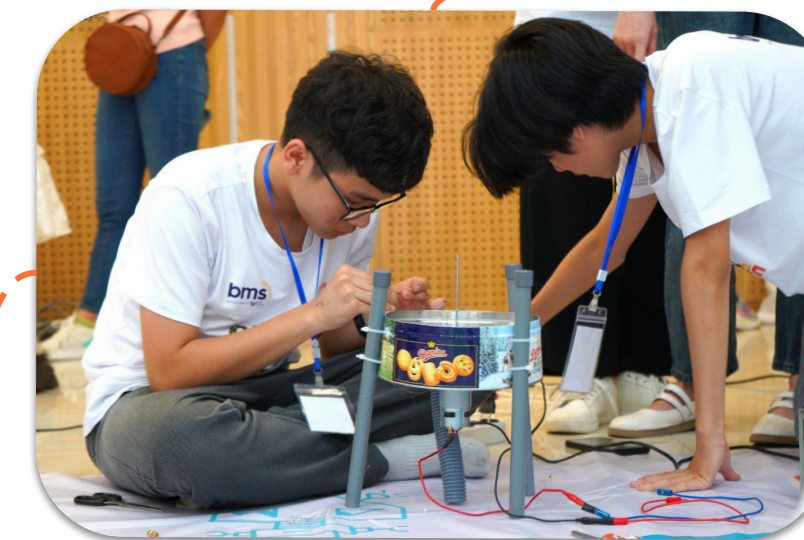


How it works

The **Designathon method** combines Design Thinking with STEAM education to empower children to tackle real-world challenges creatively and collaboratively. Through this approach, children develop essential 21st-century skills like creativity, critical thinking, empathy, collaboration, and technological literacy.

In **Designathon workshops**, children follow a seven-step process - generating ideas, building prototypes using materials from cardboard to electronic components, and presenting their solutions to peers and experts.

Engaging and hands-on, the method fosters active learning and inspires children to become active changemakers for a better future.



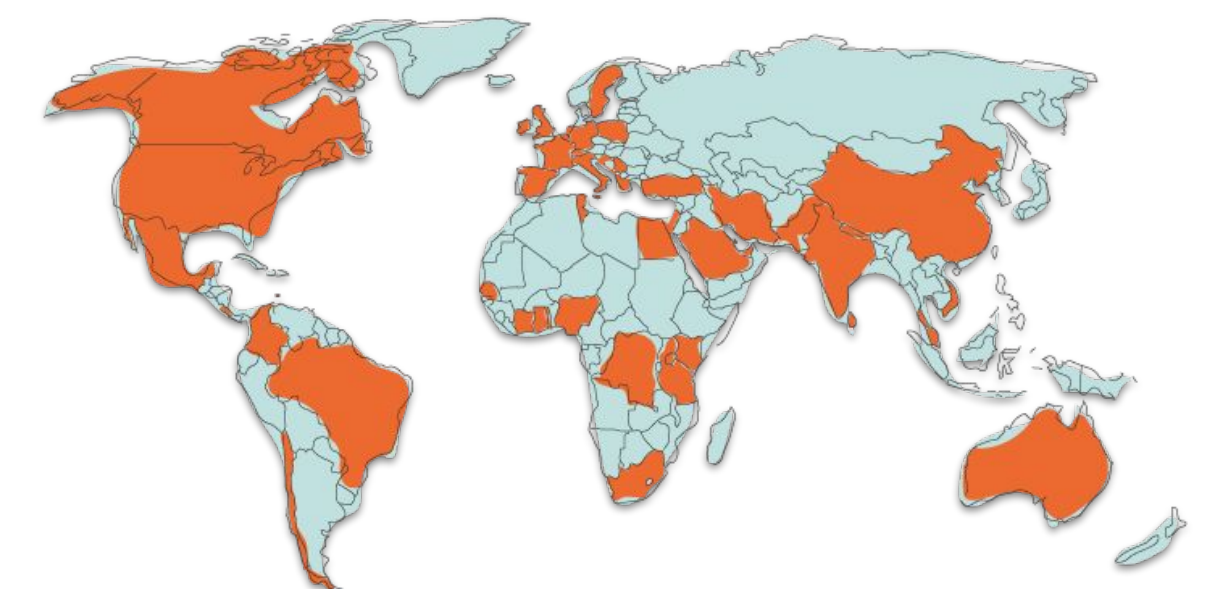
Our impact

- 4 impact reports 'The Global Voices of the Next Generation'
- 10 editions of the Global Children's Designathon
- 59 countries engaged worldwide
- 5.000+ educators trained
- 200.000+ children empowered



A few examples from past editions

- [Videos of the Global Children's Designathon 2025](#)
- ['Global Voices of the Next Generation' reports](#)
- ['Our Dream' videos](#)
- [Next iteration on what one of the inventions could look like](#)



Together, we are building a vibrant global community of young changemakers.

Our partners during the past decade



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Let's create change - together

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