

Planet Play Competition

from The Day and the LEGO Group

Play, Innovate, and Transform: Your Street, Your Future!

WHAT TO DO:

We are challenging **YOU** (all 7-14-year-olds) to design a playful street in your community to help local people, wildlife, and our planet. Plus, we want you to write a letter persuading the adults around you to set up a wild play street in your community!

HOW TO ENTER

STEP 1: Look around your street or local outdoor space, and notice how the area is set up for outdoor play and supporting wildlife.

STEP 2: Use learning through play to come up with new ways you could make this space safer for outdoor play, think about how this space would be used if there were no cars! (use the preparation worksheet on page 3 to help).

STEP 3: Build the Change! Decide how you want to change and improve this space. Design your solutions on paper first (make sure you label your design to show us what it is and why you've designed it this way), then create a 3D model out of LEGO® bricks or anything else you can find like recycled materials, leftover craft supplies or nature bits collected from outside.

STEP 4: Take a photo of your drawing and 3D design and (if you want to) write a short description of your building's features (maximum 250 words).

STEP 5: Write a letter persuading the adults around you to set up a wild play street in your community to help local people, wildlife, and our planet.

STEP 6: Get your grown-up to upload your photo, letter, and (optional) written description via this link: <https://theday.awardsplatform.com> (ensuring you write out the https://) by 27th September 2024. Your grown-up will need to create a free account on the submission platform and include your name, age and school details.

More guidance can be found here:

<https://theday.co.uk/build-the-change-planet-play/>

WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

We will choose two winners. If your design is chosen you will win:

- Your designs and ideas published on The Day's website
- A virtual Build the Change workshop featuring a real-life LEGO designer for your class
- Free 3-month subscription to The Day for your school (new members only)
- A Build the Change Lego Classroom Kit so you can keep building and playing
- Outdoor playground equipment
- A certificate
- The opportunity to put your design idea in front of sustainability leaders later in the year!



**Good
luck!**

Deadline 27th September



HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL

We want you to help design an outdoor space that encourages play! Here's some things to consider in your design:

- 1. Build for YOUR local area.** Spend some time noticing how your outdoor space is currently used. What is stopping young people from playing outside? Are cars always driving up and down this street? What dangers or challenges do children face spending time in this space? How can this space also support local wildlife? Use this information to design features that really make your street stand out!
- 2. Make something that works for people *and* nature.** Can you create something that works for the wildlife, nature, and the people that share this space? What do children and nature need from an outdoor space and can you make them both work together?
- 3. Create something that is good for the planet.** Could you help the planet in other ways in your design? For example could you use sustainable or recycled materials? Could you make a design that could protect wildlife from extreme weather like storms, droughts or floods?

Here are some ways you could build for wildlife:

1. Let the plants grow wild. This will create a habitat for birds and attract bugs for food
2. Put up small shelters for wildlife to rest, shelter and nest in
3. Put out water for wildlife to drink. Ponds also attract amphibians which birds eat
4. Many creatures love eating insects, so building a bug hotel is a great idea!



Planet Play Inspiration



Design a playful street in their community to help local people, wildlife, and our planet.

Use this worksheet to help you get your ideas out of your head and onto paper before you begin your competition entry!
Please visit theday.co.uk/build-the-change-planet-play/ to find out how to enter your design into the competition.

Plan your design by answering these questions.

WHAT could you include for people and communities?
Think about all the different people who share your space.

WHAT could you build for nature and the environment?
What local wildlife could you support and what
eco-friendly materials could you use?



Practice drawing your design here.

Bring all your ideas together. Label your features. How will it provide a playful space for children and a safer space for nature?

