

## **DOCUMENT FOR TEACHERS AND SPONSERS**

### **FORESTS FOR ALL TWINING SCHOOLS AND CULTURES**

#### **WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE NEED YOU**

In a response to the alarming rate of global deforestation, a passionate group of determined students have proposed the development of a worldwide initiative, "The World School Championship, (WSC), 2015". The WSC will work to counteract the devastation and affects of this loss by challenging schools worldwide to fundraise for 18 reforestation projects in four continents. All class participants will receive a diploma for their involvement and a World Championship Award will be given at the end of 2015.

#### **PROJECT GOALS**

This project aims not only to benefit the land and inhabitants in countries such as Brazil, Indonesia, Ecuador, Madagascar, Philippines and Morocco from the destruction of forest habitats for firewood, building materials and agriculture, but also for a global engagement of youth. Student partnering, also known as the 'twinning of classrooms and students' with other cultures, encourages ecological balance and cultural unity in habitat restoration. This will empower and educate a new generation of proud guardians of their forests and wildlife on a local and global level.

Fundraising efforts will reach far and wide, providing equipment, seeds, training and monitoring to set up seed and plant nurseries in many villages. Together, they will produce over a million seedlings a year with the help of local volunteers. Organic tree nurseries and forestry centers near degraded areas will support existing nurseries and provide training for local communities.

## **WHY OUR STUDENTS NEED THIS**

On an environmental governance platform, the replanting of trees provides fruits for the nutrition of children, helps to protect existing trees, provides active and applied learning in sustainable agricultural practices, slows local and global climate change, preserves biodiversity of plants and animals and works toward eliminating poverty and malnutrition.

Students will benefit by their understanding of working together toward a healthier and more peaceful world. They will have access to a website to follow goals and achievements of this initiative, how their work and dedication facilitates environmental change, and encourages their communication with other cultures to build an ecological education network. Students will create contacts from one country to another, growing not only trees, but also lifelong bonds with a commitment to the environment. In the long term, this shapes a more peaceful and nurturing planet.

## **WHY WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT – TEACHERS**

This project will provide you with the opportunity to enlighten your students about the world around them with a very real, ongoing global problem. Your students will be unified in a goal that benefits more than their immediate scope of the world. It will enable them, as a group, to take a grand step in correcting our ecological balance and to examine the problems closely and analytically by communicating with other cultures. This is an empowering and ongoing task encouraging exchanges of ideas, important decision making, creative plans for fundraising and more discussions on how the actions of each and every individual affects our planet. They will learn gratitude from giving, inspiration from looking within, and compassion for the misfortunes of others with limited means and resources.

## **WHY WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT – SPONSORS**

All sponsors will have access to the growth of the WSC initiative and have the opportunity to follow, over many years, the ongoing emergence of a young global community. You will see, firsthand, how hard work, passion and commitment, when shared, can make a significant

impact. This can inspire other opportunities for student involvement on ecological matters on a local or global scale. You may also have the opportunity to speak with the classroom that is give the 2015 Award for insights on their creative fundraising and collaborations needed for the success of the project.

Example projects that we will support [www.edenprojects.org](http://www.edenprojects.org)