

THE DAY
FIND YOUR VOICE



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

The report that found out what YOU think

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Commissioner:**
Someone whose job is to stand up for others
- ☐ **Disrupted:**
Got in the way, made things difficult
- ☐ **Recommendations:**
Advice about what actions to take
- ☐ **Crucial:** Very important



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BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

There are many ways to get your voice heard. You can take a leaf out of Dominique Palmer's book. The activist who campaigns for climate justice spoke to *The Day's* new Planet People podcast. You can read a sneak preview of that chat on our Extra page!

A new report shows what children think would make childhood better.

Big ambition

"Children should be able to change the world too." This statement, from one of the 367,000 children who took part in the survey, lies at the heart of the Big Ambition report, released in March this year. Overseen by the Children's **commissioner**, Rachel de Souza, the report aims to find out what young people think about the world,

and what they want and need.

Big changes

The last few years haven't always been easy for kids. The Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns **disrupted** their schooling. Growing up is full of new challenges, from technology to the climate crisis, the cost of living and the lack of places to play!

That's why Rachel de Souza wanted to ask kids what they thought the government

should do about it.

Big picture

The report makes **recommendations** about how British leaders can help children, and it also offers a snapshot of what young people think.

The **crucial** finding is that young people need to be listened to. Only one in five thought that the adults who run the country were listening to them.

Kids need a say in order to make the world a better place to play in.



Our Build the Change Tuesday resource is sponsored by the LEGO Group and is free for all schools. This worksheet is available every weekday at 6:30am London time from <https://theday.co.uk/resources/news-detectives>. For any feedback or help please contact buildthechange@theday.co.uk. Thank you.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

HOW CAN YOU GET YOUR VOICE HEARD?

WHAT
is the
Big Ambition
report?

WHO
is the
children's
commissioner?

WHERE
can we see a
snapshot of what
children think?

WHEN
was the
report
released?

WHY
should we
listen
to children?

HOW
many people
took part in the
survey?

1 TAKE ACTION

Make sure you get your voice heard! With your friends, think of the different ways you can get support for a local play street. Write a letter, make posters, record a video and share them with your grown ups. Use everything you've learned about the importance of play to convince them that space to play and connect with nature will be good for you, for your community and for the planet. Let's make grown-ups listen!



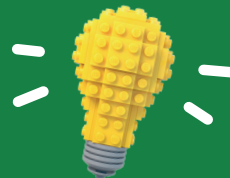
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2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that offers ways of making your voice heard. Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to editorial@theday.co.uk.

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Build THE Change



COMPETITION TIME!

Because of traffic and poor town planning, 60% of 4 to 11 year olds never play outside on their own street. But research tells us that playing outside and connecting with nature is good for people and the planet. One brilliant solution is to set up your own Play Street that's designed for people and nature to thrive! Visit www.playingout.net then enter our design competition!

STEP 1:

Reimagine a street near you as a wild and playful street, one where young people can safely play outside and interact with nature.

STEP 2: Share your vision with us by creating a drawing or a 3D model made from LEGO, craft bits, natural materials or recycled rubbish. Don't forget to explain your awesome ideas and take a photo of your build.

STEP 3: Write a letter persuading the adults around you to set up a wild play street in your community so that local people, wildlife, and our amazing planet can all thrive. Read to them and then send it to us, along with your designs or photos to be in with a shot of winning!



Enter the
competition
to win prizes!

Visit www.theday.co.uk/build-the-change-planet-play/
to find out how to enter the competition.

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