



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

YOUR sustainability ideas were heard in 2024

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Walkable city:**
A city in which people do not need cars
- ☐ **Haven:** A safe place
- ☐ **Endangered species:**
Animals at risk of dying out
- ☐ **Blue Earth Summit:**
Meeting of sustainability champions



BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Here at *The Day*, we hope to help young people find their voice! In this special edition of News Detectives, we are highlighting some of the amazing submissions you sent into our competitions this year.

If anyone ever doubted that young people need a voice in important issues like climate change, show them these inspirational examples!

Wild Cities

In our Wild Cities competition, we asked young people to think about how cities can work better for people and nature.

Competition winner Alexa Cheung designed a **walkable city** using LEGO® bricks! She said this would save the planet by “helping reduce carbon

footprint and at the same time promoting a healthy lifestyle”.

Build for Birds

We also challenged our readers to design safer spaces where birds could rest, feed and shelter. Competition winner Harrison designed a **haven** for green woodpeckers in his garden.

“Lots of conservation projects focus on **endangered species** but maybe not as many focus on stopping birds from becoming endangered in the

first place,” he explained.

Blue Earth

We were proud to be represented by Emilie, Thomas, Dominika, Suniya, Ella and Anika at the **Blue Earth Summit** in London in October! They are members of our council and competition winners, selected for their passion for their environment!

We also received an amazing climate solution from Aayan, who proposed turning a road in front of Wimbledon Police Station into a grassy green space.





INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

DO ADULTS LISTEN TO CHILDREN?

WHAT
did Alexa
design?

WHO
should have more
of a voice on the
environment?

WHERE
did Aayan
suggest a new
green space?

WHEN
was the
Blue Earth
summit?

WHY
did Harrison
focus on
woodpeckers?

HOW
did Alexa build
her design?

1 TAKE ACTION

Around the world, young people are raising their voices for the environment! Find out about some of the inspirational young voices making themselves heard around the world.



2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that shows who these young leaders are and how they are taking action. 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.

3 Build THE Change



CREATE YOUR DESIGN

At *The Day*, we are committed to making young people's voices heard! So what more could we be doing to help give you a voice? What competitions would you like to see us run in the future?

STEP 1:

Think about your design! What about the competition focus on? How would the winners be chosen?

STEP 2: Build the Change!

Create a trophy for the winners and runners-up! Why not use LEGO® bricks or recycled craft materials to built it.

Share your genius
Show your work
to your class!



Upload a photo of your work to the **Build the Change** gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.

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BUILDER OF THE WEEK

Every week we handpick one of the most inspirational designs from our online photo gallery to be our **BUILDER OF THE WEEK**. To get your creation featured here, ask your grown-up to take a photograph and upload it to our Build the Change gallery, using the QR code on this page.



This week we have an island that had turned brown as there are no trees any more.

"GREAT WORK!"



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.

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