



The Global Goals Gazette



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Welcome to edition 2 of our Gazette. This month the Global Goals Group has been talking about the work it might do in the next academic year to best promote the aims of UN Sustainable Development Goal 12, which aims to foster eco-friendly production, reduce waste and boost recycling. Members of the group wanted to share their thoughts, dreams and visions for the future with readers. As you will see, concern for our planet runs deep!



My dream for the future is that all supermarkets use organic, compostable shopping bags only, because plastic affects animals' lives. Many plastic bags end up in the oceans and kill millions of sea creatures each year, causing, for some of them, the risk of extinction.

From Francesca, Y6



When we buy food, products or clothes, some of notice the amount of plastic packaging it contains but some of us do not. A lot of plastic is unnecessary, like when you do online shopping and it comes on several layers of plastic, or sometimes you get a plastic hanger. Even if you re-use the plastic hanger, it will eventually snap anyway, so why use plastic? Also, if you ever buy face products, they are likely to be in plastic bottles or tubes. If you buy toys, you don't realise how much plastic is being created for them.

We need to start thinking about what we buy, as some things do not last forever. I think it is really important to stop and think "Is what I am buying essential? How will it impact the planet?"

From Molly, Y4

In the future I would there to be like no rubbish in the sea. I would like no one to purposely throw litter into the sea. We need to stop this as it is killing the sea creatures who eat the rubbish.

We love animals, so stop the littering!

From Madison, Y1



In the future I would like for all plastic bags to be made from materials that can be recycled. When people have used their plastic bags, they should put them in a special recycling bin that the refuse collectors pick up each week.

They would then be taken to a recycling centre and melted down to be turned into amazing things such as park equipment like swings.

Maybe, rather than recycling, people should all use the same bags over and over again so not so many new bags need to be made.

From Ella, Y2



My dream for the future is that everyone uses and buys recycled products. It is greatly important that we do something about the plastic waste and usage. Around 1,000 animals are extinct, but almost 2,000 animals are on the brink of extinction. This is why it is enormously important for us to recycle. I think it is essential to be sustainable to lower cases in animal death.

I believe this is a world that could change by just a few simple acts! Remember, every little act contributes to one big change to help our seas and their inhabitants to thrive.

From Jahnvi, Y6



The best food for the environment is food that hasn't travelled far. Ethical food companies do their best not to pollute the air. E.g. Riverford is a company that tries to grow food in this country and avoids flying in produce from elsewhere.

Local shops often source their goods locally, helping to reduce their carbon footprint, Shopping locally is a great way of supporting local business too.

From Beatrice, Y5

I would like for the whole world to only be allowed to use packaging that is made from recyclable materials such as cardboard in future. I would not allow plastic or other non-recyclable materials to be used in packaging for any items.

We could then use the unwanted packaging for really useful things that could also help the planet such as tree planter boxes and many more things. At local shops I would say that only paper packaging is allowed.

From Louisa, Y4



Solar-powered car

For my future I would like there to be hybrid solar powered cars so that at night they would be battery (electric) cars. This would make the air less cloudy/foggy and mean newborns would be less likely to grow up with asthma.

I think this is a spectacular invention because when you breathe in you won't be inhaling pollution and diesel fumes; you will be inhaling fresh air and nature.

From Aryanna, Y3

When we buy fruit and vegetables, we don't realise how much plastic we use. In fact, we use thousands of tiny plastic particles every day! When we buy fruit or vegetables we must be mindful of how much plastic there is. If you buy fruit wrapped in plastic, particles will somehow end up in the ocean and sea animals will eat it and become ill, or worse, they will get caught up in plastic bags and die.

We all need to think about what we buy and how we buy it.

From Belle, Y4



I don't want any plastic dropped onto the ocean floor where animals could think it is food and then eat it. After a few days animals might then get sick and die.

From Natalia Y3