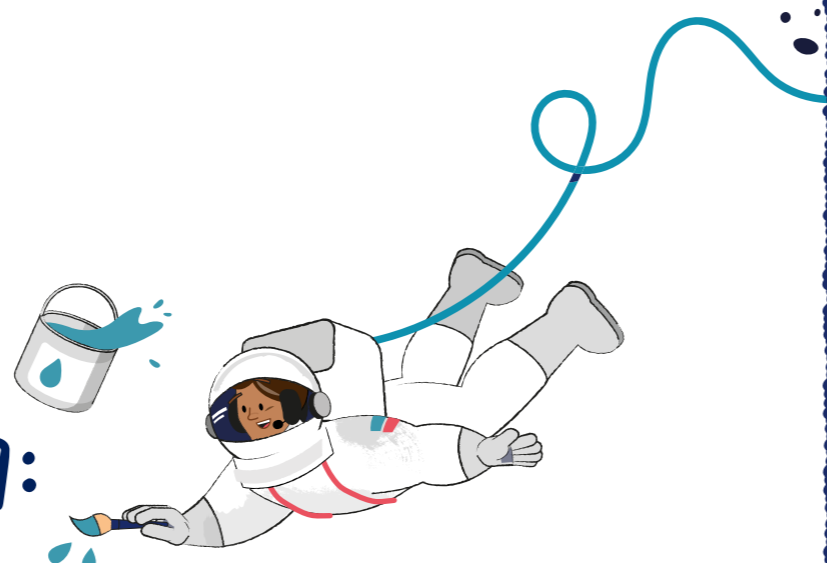


CHAPTER 9:  
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YOU MAY HAVE SPOTTED SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED AROUND YOU: MAYBE SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP AND THEY AREN'T GETTING IT, MAYBE SOME THINGS ARE UNFAIR, MAYBE SOME DAMAGE IS DONE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

If you research the topic, you'll see that this is often a problem not only in the place where you live, but in many places in the world. Now is a good time to make things better in both your community and the world. Become a global citizen.

## If you could change the world in just one way, what would you change?

Would you end extreme poverty and hunger? Would you fight for justice and equality? Would you transform the way we live to tackle climate change? You can start now, and you can start small, because... you are not alone in this!



In 2015, world leaders decided to respond to great challenges. They identified 17 goals to achieve by 2030 which we call the Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs.



These goals are a call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure future peace and prosperity. They are linked: **reducing poverty will reduce hunger, and having clean water will give us better health.** However, they also allow us to spot the major issues we have to solve at a global level. This means we can only succeed if all countries, communities, corporations and individuals unite their efforts.

## What is your role in this?

Well, although these challenges are global, we need efforts from everyone at local level to help achieve them. So first of all, have a look at these challenges and identify which ones matter to you most, which ones you would like to get involved with. You will start by doing small, easy actions. Then, you may engage with your friends and family.

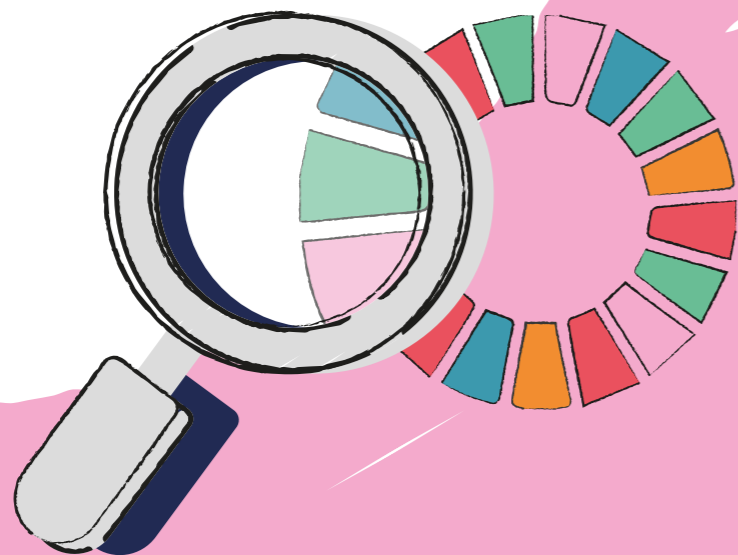
You may speak with them, encourage them to do simple actions as well... and bit by bit, if everyone takes a small step, it becomes a big step. Finally, you can start discussing with organisations, like an NGO, your school or a university, or even your city council, to build larger scale actions that will impact a lot of people.

## Let's start changing the world, one step at a time!

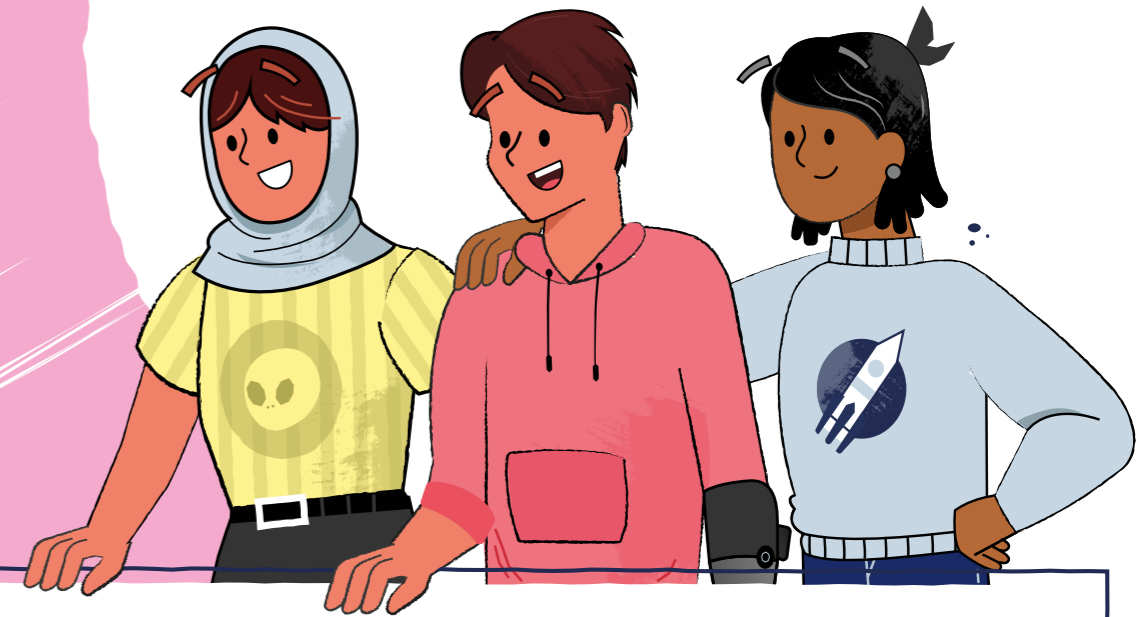


# RESEARCHING SDGs

LOOK AT THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs). WHICH ONE DO YOU FEEL MOST COMPELLED BY? IF YOU COULD GET INVOLVED IN ONE OF THEM, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE?



Now that you have chosen one SDG, let's investigate: what are the main issues?



What are the related problems **in your area?** Speak with your friends, family, teachers. Are there issues in your community? What are they?



What are the related problems in other parts of **your country?** In other countries?



What is the issue on **a global level?**

**PRO TIP**

KEEP NOTES, AND YOU CAN EVEN BUILD A FILE DOCUMENTING THE ISSUE, WITH PICTURES, NOTES AND ARTICLES!

# ENGAGEMENT

When you have chosen an SDG, let's think: what small and simple steps can you take?

ARE THERE SOME EASY WAYS TO WORK TOWARDS THAT GOAL IN YOUR LOCAL AREA, WITH YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY?

ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE, GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN THAT DIRECTION? COULD YOU MEET THEM,

AND TALK ABOUT WHAT TO DO TOGETHER? YOU CAN ALSO DO A BIT OF RESEARCH TO FIND SIMPLE STEPS TOWARDS THAT GOAL.

THE EXTRA RESOURCES WILL GIVE YOU A FEW SIMPLE IDEAS.



**Extra resources:** For simple actions to support the Sustainable Development Goals, you can check the [Young Person's Guide to Changing the World](#), edited by [Youth4GlobalGoals](#), or the [SDGs PlayBook](#), edited by the Nigerian Youth SDGs Network.

