

NURTURING NATURE AND RELATIONSHIPS

PLANT AND CARE FOR PEACE

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INFO & INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

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Planting trees is a concrete deed for the environment. But trees also need care in order for them to survive and grow, like we need to nurture our friendships. World needs peace now more than ever.

With tree planting and care, we work together towards a more green, peaceful and sustainable world. We call schools, NGO's, communities, cities, municipalities and organisations to join us. In every country of the world.

Plant And Care For Peace is an initiative by Mika Vanhanen, TreebuddyEarth Education, in co-operation with Environment Online - ENO and Act Now India



STEP BY STEP GUIDE

PREPARATIONS BEFORE

1. Visit the campaign page <https://www.pacpeace.net>
2. **Schedule:** the time period for this campaign is from 22.4 – 5.6.2023
→ ENO Campaign Day is 22 May 2023
3. Please register your school or organisation from [here](#)
4. **Find out your local tree species:** Plant only trees that are typical for your climate and dominant tree species in your region! You could plant your apple seedlings sprouted, or perhaps a local native tree for wildlife. No matter what the species, make sure that it's [not an invasive species](#).
5. **Choose suitable places for trees and dig holes in advance.** When choosing your tree, ensure that the soil and place (shady/sunny) is suitable for it. Note that trees need plenty of room to grow, so don't plant them near houses. Investigate if there are any special considerations about [roots growth patterns](#) before buying your plant. Find out also what kind of care the tree will require over short and long-term periods. See more tree care tips [here](#).
6. **Take contact** with local experts and **find sponsors** for your seedlings.
7. **Find students** who will plant trees.
8. **Involve local people** from your community to take part.
9. **Prepare to take photos and videos** during the occasion.
10. **Invite other** schools, special guests or your local celebrities to join this event, probably one of them could give a short speech.
11. **Get local media** involved.

YOUR TREE PLANTING DAY

1. Go to your tree planting site and gather around the seedling/s
3. Students plant trees together with adults (teachers, local people, special guests...)
4. Sing ENO Tree Planting Song "[Hi and ho – we plant trees!](#)" or other music/dance by students
5. A speech by students or your possible special guest/guests (**see the students speech at the end of this document!**)
6. Arrange a group photo, where students, guests and audience gather around the tree seedlings.

AFTERWARDS

1. **Planting was just a start. You have to take care of your tree.** Water it regularly. During the first couple growing seasons, your newly planted tree is expending a lot of energy trying to get its roots established in the soil. You can use mulch around your tree as it insulates the soil and helps to provide a buffer from heat and cold. It also keeps weeds out to avoid root competition
2. **Share your journey with others and with the ENO online community** on social media (FB, Twitter, Instagram):

[ENO Facebook](#)

[ENO Teachers Facebook](#)

[Twitter ENO](#)

[Instagram ENO Schoolnet](#)

The campaign hashtag is #pacfpeace

Use also ENO and Act Now hashtags:

Facebook & Twitter: #enoprogramme @enoprogramme

Instagram: @enoschoolnet #enotreeplanting

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THE SPEECH FOR STUDENTS

OUR MESSAGE

Planting trees is a concrete deed for the environment. But trees also need care that they survive and grow, like us in our friendships. World needs peace now more than ever. With tree planting and care, we work together towards a more green, peaceful and sustainable world.

Schools and organisations from over 60 countries have already joined Plant And Care For Peace.

We cannot close our eyes from war. In Europe, Ukraine is fighting for its freedom, people die and are fleeing from their homes. People are also suffering from violence everywhere. They all need help. You can help them through donations. It's a small thing but you make a difference. Never lose hope. Never give up.

This tree is a symbol for us. Firstly, it reminds us of nature and the importance of climate and environmental protection. Secondly, it symbolizes our co-operation between people around the world. Thirdly, tree planting is to nurture nature, like we need to nurture our relationships.

*Together we stand for unity
we grow trees in harmony
when the hatred and confusion's everywhere
We need to build bridges more and more
Even some try to burn them all
We're all different yet we're all the same*