



## UPCYCLED TREE CONTEST

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Due to the pandemic and lockdown, the majority of countries could not participate. We first prolonged the deadline, but still received a lot of mails from teachers, explaining that the situation in their country was so complicated, that they could not work with students and therefore could not participate. Finally, we decided to close the contest with no competition ranking.

Nevertheless, we received seven entries from 6 countries: East China, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Slovenia and Taiwan. For me, they are all winners! They were creating trees in very unusual circumstances, but with such imagination and inventiveness, that you really have to admire them. They took a completely different approach showing different roles of the trees.

***Chinese** boys worked as a team, debating and brainstorming vividly. They designed an interactive tree with cards, hanging from their branches to learn interesting facts about trees. **Taiwan** students emphasized equality. Their goal was to show, how we should accept all the people, regardless of the differences we might have. **Italian** girl was building her tree together with the whole family – from grandparents to her little brother, demonstrating the unifying aspect of trees. **Montenegro** student pointed out biodiversity, **Macedonian** one the beauty of trees, while **Slovenes** released their burst of fresh creativity honoring the Earth Day.*

All these brilliant students and mentors proved that nothing can kill our soul and that anything is possible as long as we believe in ourselves. Art is strong! Never forget this.

Thank you also to all the teachers and schools who wanted to participate, but could not this time.

Stay safe, stay creative! Darinka

Enjoy the video with all the entries:

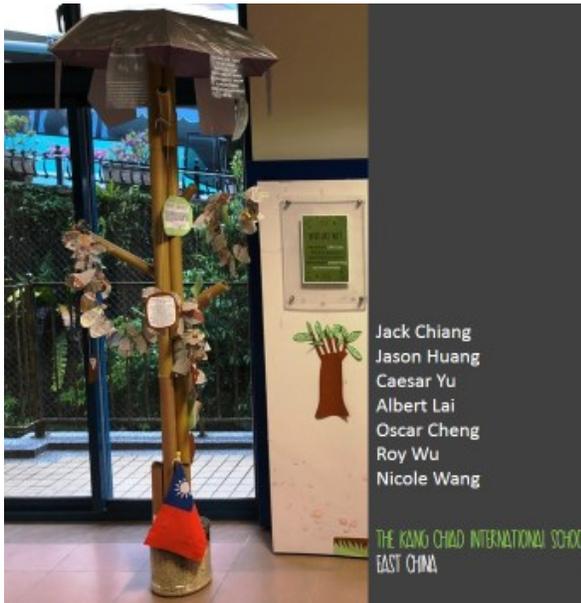
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbcnRe6pwN0&t=7s>

**Participating schools:**

EAST CHINA

The Kang Chiao International School

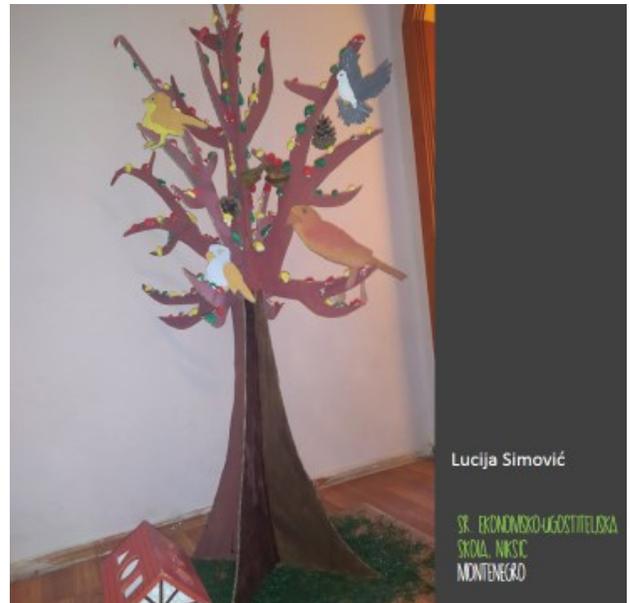
Mentor: Luke Ewert



MONTENEGRO

JU Srednja ekon.-ugostiteljska skola, Niksic

Mentor: Olivera Lucic



ITALY

E. de Filippo, Napoli

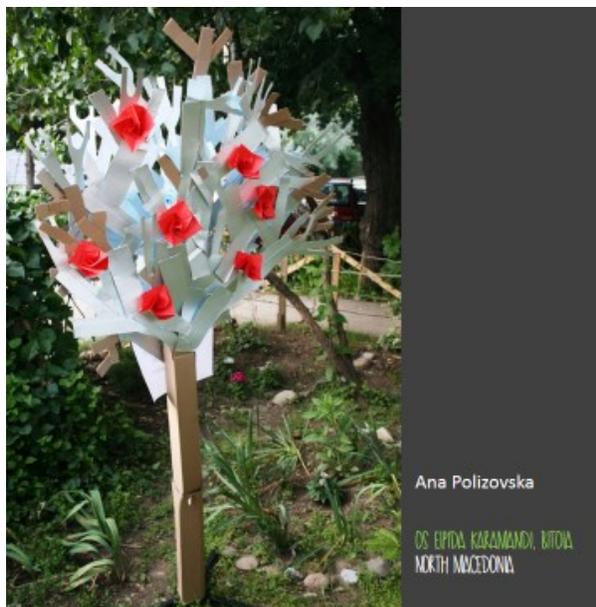
Mentor: Paola Pirozzi



NORTH MACEDONIA

OS Elpida Karamandi, Bitola

Mentor: Liljana Mircheva



Ana Polizovska

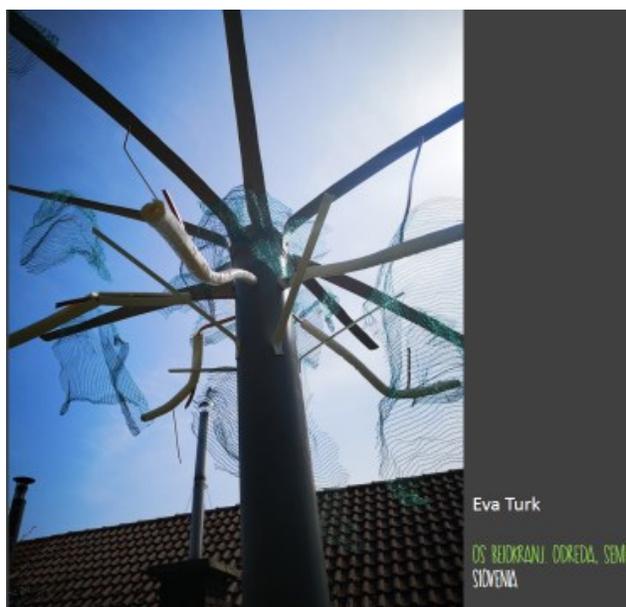
OŠ EPIĐA KARAMANČI, BITOLA  
NORTH MACEDONIA

SLOVENIA  
OŠ Belokranjskega odreda, Semic  
Mentor: Vlasta Henigsman



Karin Kosič

PS BILJE, RENCE  
SLOVENIA



Eva Turk

OŠ BELOKRANJ, DOBEĐA, SEMIC  
SLOVENIA

SLOVENIA  
PS Bilje, Rence  
Mentor: Tjasa Mocnik



Kristian Grubič

OŠ BELOKRANJ, DOBEĐA, SEMIC  
SLOVENIA

TAIWAN  
Mingdao High School, Taichung  
Mentor: Dr. Hu Yu Lie



Denny Chiang,

Aaron Lin,

Benson Li,

Derek Chu,

Hanson Wu,

Eric Shih,

Sky Fan

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TAIWAN