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MEET THE YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS!

Discover how Siena is helping to create a brighter future
for millions of people everywhere...

SIENA CASTELLON,
18, FROM IRELAND,
is tackling
INEQUALITY!



What needs to change?

Eighteen-year-old Siena has several neurodiverse conditions - autism, dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). As a result, the way she thinks, learns and processes her surroundings is different to that of most people.

Sadly, this made growing up tough for Siena. She found it hard to achieve in school, and even suffered bullying. It quickly became clear to her that despite being smart and capable, the world isn't designed for neurodivergent people, like her, to succeed. So she decided to make a change...

**Siena launched Neurodiversity
Celebration Week! Check it out at
neurodiversity-celebration-week.com**

How Siena is helping!

At just 13, Siena launched Quantum Leap, a website that supports and mentors other students like her. Since then, she's been working to raise awareness of neurodiversity, and help schools better understand and support students with learning differences. She inspires neurodivergent people to connect and feel empowered! She's even written a book called *The Spectrum Girl's Survival Guide*, helping autistic girls overcome life challenges they're likely to face. Awesome work, Siena!



'Neurodiversity'
is the word for
natural variations in
the human brain, which
cause some people to
think in a different
way to others.

SIENA'S BRILLIANT BOOK!



SIENA USES HER
WEBSITE TO
SUPPORT OTHER
NEURODIVERSE
PEOPLE LIKE HER!



THERE ARE LOTS OF
NEURODIVERSE CONDITIONS
THAT GIVE PEOPLE
DIFFERENT STRENGTHS
AND WEAKNESSES.

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Find out what this hard-working young eco-hero
is doing to protect our planet...



HEMANG VELLORE,
14, FROM INDIA,
**is combatting
CLIMATE
CHANGE!**

What needs to change?

While studying electronics in a village called Pabal, India, Hemang noticed that there weren't many trees in the city. Hot temperatures and frequent droughts made it hard for plants to grow there, and local people often struggled to get enough water, too. These issues got Hemang thinking about climate change, and he was determined to make a difference! The youngster decided to help raise environmental awareness, and from there, his ideas grew and grew!

**Hemang loves science and technology
– now he's combining this knowledge
to help our planet!**

How Hemang is helping!

Hemang is organising awareness campaigns and workshops in schools in Hyderabad, India, to teach other kids all about climate change. So far, he's planned six different kinds of activities - including painting and drawing workshops using recycled materials, plastic waste up-cycle sessions, and eco-housing projects using environmentally-friendly bricks!

The young environmentalist plans to run online workshops, too, and he'll be helping the natural world blossom by planting ten trees every month. Tree-mendous work, Hemang!

Trees help prevent climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide (a gas that contributes towards global warming) and releasing precious oxygen!

HYDERABAD IS VERY BUILT UP, NOT LEAVING MUCH ROOM FOR NATURE.



HEMANG MADE AN INSPIRING VIDEO FOR EARTH DAY!



HEMANG GIVES PRESENTATIONS TO OTHER KIDS WHO WANT TO LEARN ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE!

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Discover how this true eco-champ is helping to
protect Earth's precious waterways...

RHENAN CAUÊ, 15, FROM BRAZIL, is tackling **WATER POLLUTION!**



What needs to change?

When Rhenan's family moved to a city named Araguatins, Brazil, he noticed that the local Araguaia River, and the streams that fed into it, were heavily polluted with all kinds of rubbish. But the river hadn't always been like that...

The Araguaia River had once been a place of natural beauty that both people and wildlife could enjoy. What's more, it provided thousands of local families with clean water for cooking and washing. So, compelled to act, Rhenan decided to make a change!

**Rhenan's team removed almost
1 tonne of waste from the
Berjinho stream!**

How Rhenan is helping!

Rhenan launched a project to clean up the nearby Brejinho stream. To do so, he formed partnerships with the Fire Department and the Environmental Police, and inspired lots of local people and schools to get involved, too!

With one stream now sparkling clean, Rhenan is encouraging young people across Brazil to clean up their local rivers, too. And his mission doesn't stop there – the young water warrior is talking to local governments and organisations about how Brazil's waterways can have a pollution-free future. Go, Rhenan!

Only around
1% of Earth's
water is fresh and
drinkable, so
it's important
we keep it
clean!



WHEN POLLUTION GETS
INTO STREAMS AND
RIVERS, IT DAMAGES THE
ENVIRONMENT AND MAKES
THE WATER UNSAFE.



THANKS TO RHENAN, THE BREJINHO
STREAM IS CLEANER THAN EVER!

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Find out how this inspirational environmentalist is
helping restore an entire ecosystem!



Habitats like
lakes, reservoirs
and wetlands help to
clean Earth's water,
keep the ground
fertile and protect
us from floods!



THE MADÍN DAM HAD
BEEN SUFFERING FROM
MISMANAGEMENT, SO
IVANNA DECIDED TO ACT!

IVANNA'S PETITION
RECEIVED THOUSANDS
OF SIGNATURES!



**IVANNA
ORTEGA SERRET,**
13, FROM MEXICO,
is protecting
**NATURAL
HABITATS!**

What needs to change?

Ivanna lives near the Madín dam, a huge reservoir near Mexico City. As well as providing fresh water for the local people, the reservoir once supported a thriving ecosystem of birds, fish and other amazing animals!

Sadly, in 2019, construction companies began to dump sewage and waste into the reservoir, making it unsafe for people. Wildlife also suffered, as water lilies infested the water's surface and took over, damaging the entire ecosystem! Many fish died as a result, and the local bird species disappeared. Ivanna knew something had to be done, so she decided to take action...

**Ivanna's latest petition, to stop
sewage being dumped in the
dam, already has over 70,000
signatures, and counting!**

How Ivanna is helping!

Ivanna started a petition calling for authorities and CONAGUA - the company that monitors water in the area - to clean up the Madín dam. And with a whopping 19,000 signatures, they had to take notice!

Money was allocated to remove the lilies, and workers were sent to clean-up the water. Ivanna and her community got stuck in too, and today, the reservoir is lily-free! Ivanna's next mission is to put an end to sewage dumping so that wildlife may return to the area. What amazing work!

KidsRights is an awesome charity that finds, funds and supports young people that want to make a difference in the world! It's the organisation behind the International Children's Peace Prize - awarded each year to amazing kids that stand up for the rights of other kids around the world. Cool!