

FRIENDSHIP ACTION FOR CHILDREN: SEND A MESSENGER BIRD!



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ATD Fourth World is part of a worldwide, child-led movement called [Taponi](https://www.tapori.org/). Its motto is: "We want all children to have the same chances".




Around the world, children are experiencing lockdown. This is why Tapori invites them to create [Messenger Birds](#) describing their experiences and their hopes for the future. In the [April Tapori newsletter](#) were a messages from Hannah (age 10) in the Philippines, Zakaria (age 8) in France, Tresor (age 9) in Burundi, and others.

In the UK, children from our family network have begun decorating messenger birds, like this one sent by Mackenzie, age 5.




Jasmine, age 10, wrote to Tapori to say how important it is that children help each other stand up to bullying:

Tapori Thought of the Day




Jasmine, 10 years old



“Thank you very much for the message talking about bullying. I was bullied in the school... We can stand up to stop bullying... be friends!”

Child from London, United Kingdom

30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child - 2019



Please click [here](#) for a worksheet showing how children can take part.

The End Child Poverty Coalition

Because ATD Fourth World UK is part of this [End Child Poverty Coalition](#), the coalition is joining in the Tapori campaign. A [video on their website](#) demonstrates how to cut out the bird. To help promote the campaign, you can follow @EndChildPoverty and @ATDFourthWorld on Twitter.

Children can mail their bird to:
 Tapori c/o ATD Fourth World
 48 Addington Square
 London SE5 7LB

This way, they will get a written reply and their bird will become part of a collective work of art combining all the birds.

In addition, the End Child Poverty Coalition has created activity packs. Designed with Tapori and a team at Leeds University, the packs include a range of simple ideas for families to do together. They invite children and young people to express how lockdown affects them and what they hope for in the future.

Please let ATD Fourth World UK know at atd@atd-uk.org if you know a child or family who you think may want to take part.