

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY: WITH TAPORI "FRIENDSHIP WINS OVER POVERTY."

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"We want all children to have the same chances." The motto of children involved in the international Tapori Children's Network resounds simply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 1989, Heads of State gathered at the United Nations adopted this Convention. Every year, November 20 is Universal Children's Day. It is an opportunity to recommit ourselves, as UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said, *"to do everything in our power to enable all children to survive and thrive, learn and grow, have their voices heard and reach their full potential."*

In the Tapori network, children from very different backgrounds and cultures exchange true stories of courage, peace, and friendship.



Through messages, songs, drawings and photos collected in a simple [newsletter](#) and [website](#), they express what they know and learn about poverty and injustice. They give news about what they do locally to make sure no one is left out. They join in collective projects. They speak out, from village squares, to city halls, to the United Nations: *"No to poverty. Yes to friendship."*

To mark this Universal Children's Day, we **invite you to discover** the ideals, wisdom, creativity and actions of the children involved in Taporì.

The Taporì Newsletter

Each Taporì Newsletter carries the true story of a real child and/or news and messages from Taporì members around the world. An Activity Page asks children to creatively relate their experiences and share their opinions.



Hello,

In this Tapori newsletter you will find:

- ◆ A poster for the International Day of the rights of the Child on November 20th
- ◆ The presentation of a group from Bolivia



Petra, 8 years old, Croatia



- ◆ News of children from different countries
- ◆ An activity to do



Laura, 12 years old, Croatia

TAPORI is a worldwide network of children whose motto is:

"We want all children to have the same chances!"

The name Tapori was chosen by Joseph Wresinski as a sign of solidarity with the poorest children. Joseph Wresinski, founder of the International Movement ATD Fourth World, grew up in poverty. While travelling in India, he met very poor children called Taporis who lived in train stations and who supported each other. He later wrote to other children:

**"You are like the Taporis when you look out for others.
You can find ways to make the world a better place and get rid of poverty."**

Today, thousands of children between 7 and 13 years old, across many different countries and continents, are connected through the Tapori newsletter.

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The Tapori website:

en.tapori.org

The [Tapori website](http://en.tapori.org) is a place of expression, exchange and resources for both children and adults: download the Tapori newsletter, read the stories of real children from around the world, take part in ongoing campaigns around peace, housing, friendship, children's rights, and other important themes.

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- How did Tapori Start?
- What does "Tapori" mean?
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TAPORI is a worldwide network of children whose motto is: "We want all children to have the same chances." They work together to make this hope a reality.

Here's what kids tell Tapori :

TAPORI helps kids say things that are important."

"Thanks to **TAPORI**, children get to know each other, even if they don't speak the same language."

"**TAPORI** is a word you can say in any language."

"**TAPORI** is like a friend."

"**TAPORI** is a bridge between all children."

See Tapori members in action

[Video: By Getting Together, We are Changing the World](#)

[Video: We're Children Fighting to Eradicate Poverty](#)