

TAPORI NEWSLETTER

Tapori is a worldwide friendship network which brings together children from different backgrounds who want all children to have the same chances. They learn from children whose everyday life is very different from theirs. They think and act for a fairer world by inventing a way of living where no one is left behind.



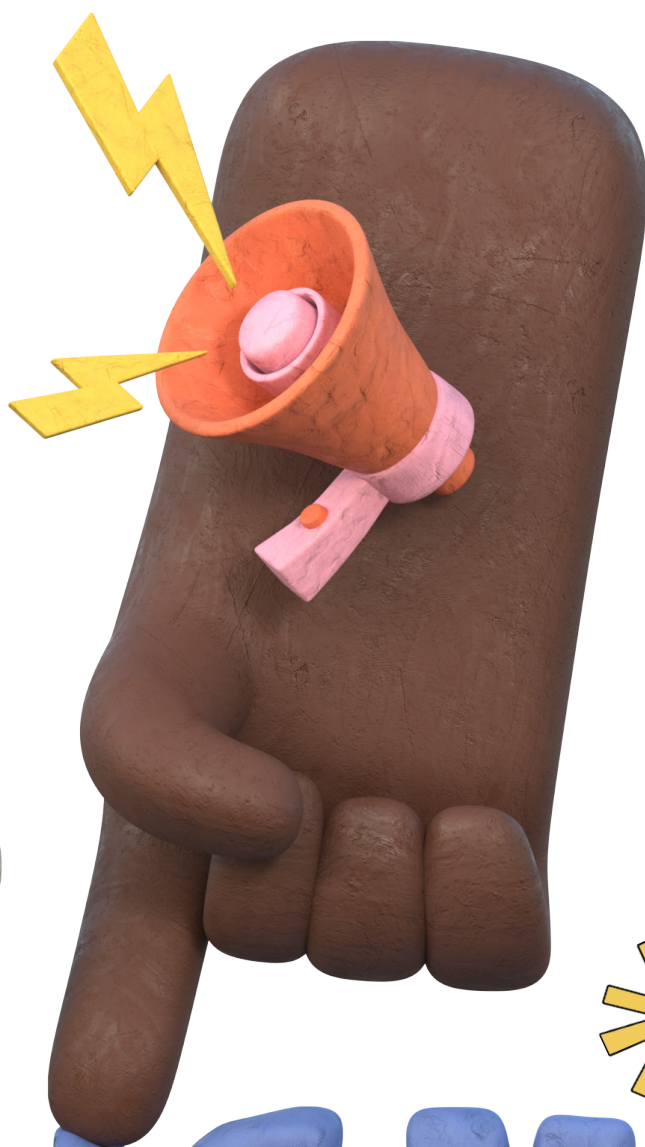
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Together, we have made the decision to be agents of change. For this we have been training, and also naming certain **injustices**.

In each **Tapori Newsletter**, we invite you to work on one of the many injustices we know of, and together we'll show that children **can have a positive impact on the places** they often go to in their daily lives.

Racism is a hostile attitude ranging from disrespect to hatred towards a group of people who are known by their racial or ethnic identity. **What can we do to make racism disappear from our neighbourhoods?**



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Reunion Island is an overseas territory¹ of France in the Indian Ocean. Although it is not very large, it is home to a **variety of cultures** from other parts of the world, from Madagascar, India, France, Africa, Asia and the Comoros. The blending of all these cultures has given rise to our **beautiful Creole culture**.

A few years ago, the types of housing construction and ample available land allowed each culture and religion to have its own rituals. **There was room for everyone**.

Today, towns are developing differently. The open spaces have been occupied by large apartment blocks, people continue to arrive from other countries, and there is not enough work for everyone. In the neighbourhoods where the Tapori children live, all this diversity generates conflict between adults that is often based on different ritual and spiritual practices.

An important festival in our Creole culture is the **Cabaré** ritual, which pays tribute to our Afro-Malagasy ancestors and is celebrated with lots of music and food shared late into the night.

This Cabaré ritual was celebrated by a family living in the neighbourhood where the **Street Library**² takes place. Many neighbouring families lodged a complaint against this family for causing a nuisance at night. Several months later, the conflict has still not been resolved and the Tapori children have to wait for this conflict to calm down before they can meet again.

The Street Library does not want adults' problems to become children's problems. **It wants to be a place where they can meet and enjoy themselves, where they can spend time together and fully enjoy their childhood**.

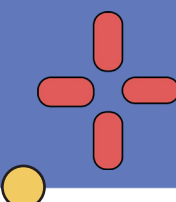
¹ Overseas territory: A French territory located overseas that is an integral part of the French Republic.

² Street libraries aim to combat exclusion by promoting access to reading and encounters between children and adults from different social backgrounds.



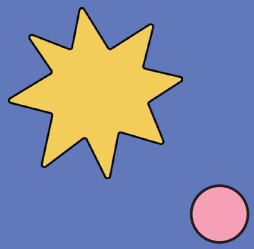
What do children think of...?

WAR




War's a bad thing that people do to get more land. It destroys children's lives because they see how some people attack other people, to hurt them.

Moisés (Guatemala)




I don't know what a war is, I've never seen one. I reckon it's people fighting one another, which is wrong. We don't need to fight.

Montse (Guatemala)



War always seems very far away, almost as if it doesn't exist. We only talk about it when food prices go up. But it's not right to fight, to leave people to die. I never understand the reasons they give on TV to explain war. It must be something for adults, but I know it hurts children.

María (España)



Wars are bad, that's all I know. It's what we're always told. But in the end there's always a war going on somewhere. It's as if we don't know how to live together. It's like when neighbourhood gangs fight one another and sometimes young people die defending their territory. At the end of the day, it's suffering and death.

Samu (España)

