

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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HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

RACISM

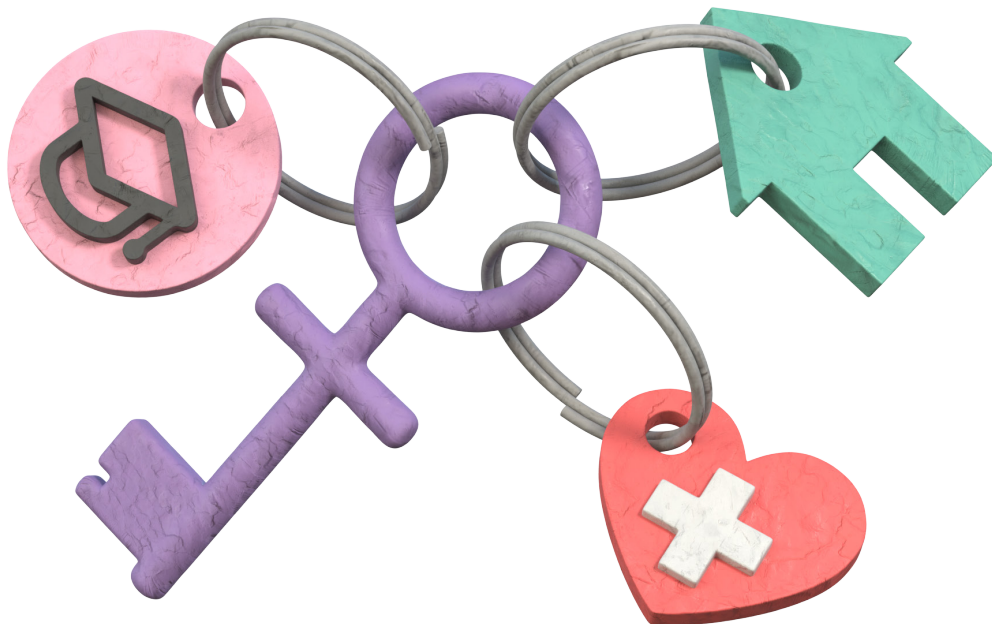
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In our Tapori Newsletter, we talk about the injustices we see around us. We want to show that children can **make a big difference in the places** where they live and where they are involved.

Sexism and equality are things children learn about from a young age. Working with children from a **gender perspective** is an incentive to see the differences between boys and girls as things society creates.

What should we change in our group so that with Tapori, we can build a group and eventually **a society where gender discrimination doesn't exist?**

GENDER



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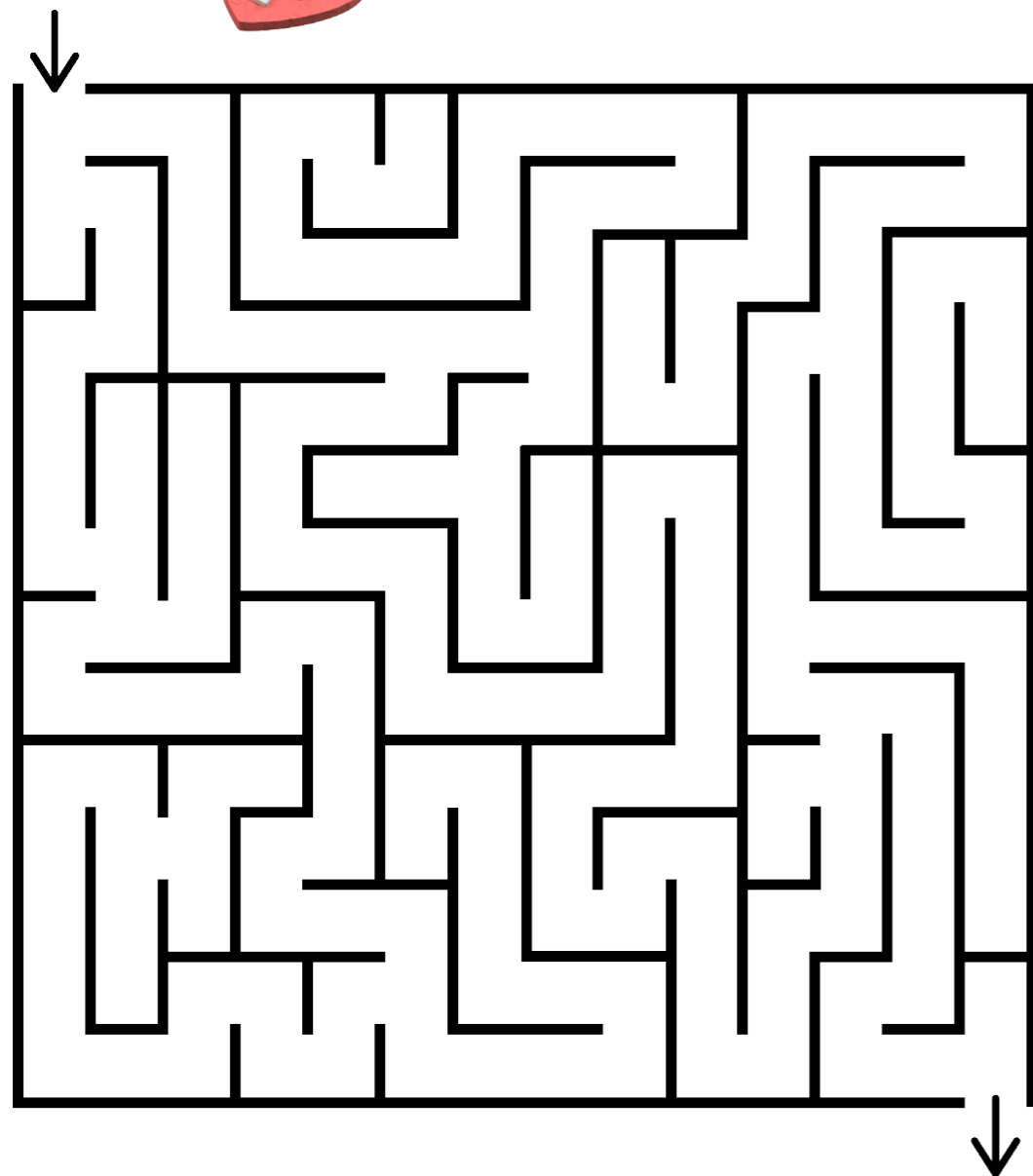
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My name is Maritza, I'm 12 and I live in **Escuintla** in Guatemala. In my neighbourhood, people think that girls only like wearing dresses and staying quiet, and that boys like running and moving around. But that's not true. What I love most is running, riding my bike, and I can also fight really hard when I need to stand up for myself.

I'm a girl, I go to school and I take part in the out-of-school learning programme* run by ATD Fourth World. I started school three years after the normal starting age. My family thinks the best thing for me is to study.

I want to be a **nurse**, so I work very hard to study. I love coming to the ATD house because I meet girls and boys like me. We learn together and have lots of fun. We don't just study; we also play games and do fun activities. Sometimes I can't go because I have to look after my younger brothers and sisters, or I have to go out to deliver the meals my mother sells. I also have to do the housework, like washing clothes and cleaning the rubbish bin. It makes me sad when if I can't go, but when my mother has to work, it's my turn to do the house work because I am "the other woman" in the house. My mother always says she can trust me because I'm responsible!

We all love going to school. At break time we girls play with the girls, and the boys play football or fight. We take it in turns jumping with a skipping rope, we play rounders, we pretend we cook food, and if one of us has a doll, she brings it so we can play at being mothers. Or we just sit and talk about TikTok.

In our families, **we sometimes have to decide who goes to school** because there are a lot of things you have to pay for in school and if our parents work, someone has to stay behind to do the housework.

* Out-of-school learning programmes are carried out by ATD Fourth World to reinforce the learning received at school so that children do not fall behind.

What do children think of...?

CLIMATE CHANGE

Tapori Valdivieso, Peru

Climate change is having more and more serious consequences that can affect everyone now and in the future.



Tapori Parla, Spain

I don't really understand much, just what they tell me at school. I only know that we need to take care of the environment so that climate change doesn't happen.

Tapori Valdivieso, Peru

There will be more floods and droughts, and burning trees drives animals away. We can't burn our rubbish because it infiltrates the earth and affects the ozone layer, and this lets in more heat.

Tapori Parla, Spain

Climate change is what happens to the overall climate around the world. It feels like we no longer have four seasons. It's not as cold as it used to be, the ice at the poles is melting, and this is causing very bad floods in other countries. This is very serious.

