Design for Change: One Idea: One Week

Subject
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Total Time: 7x45 mins
Age Range: 8-14 year olds

Use your power to motivate and inspire your children to unleash their “I Can” Superpower. What will your children be changing this year?“

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**Skills children will learn:** Leadership, Communication, Teamwork, Confidence, Critical and Creative thinking

### DAY 1: FEEL; SUPERHEROES IN REAL LIFE

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| 1   | 10 mins | 1. Start by asking children about their favourite Superhero. Let a few children share who they like the most.  
2. After that, tell them that Superheroes don’t exist only in fairy tales, they exist in real life too and that you are going to show them stories of some real life Superheroes. |
|     | 20 mins | **Inspiration and Identification of Problem**  
Now show the children some DFC videos, here are some stories of children creating Change across 3 areas  
**NOTE:** In case you do not have access to internet in your classroom, please view the stories attached as comics and share them with the children.  
1. **Something they want to change in their own lives:**  
Reducing the weight of school bags: [http://bit.ly/1mFr4xr](http://bit.ly/1mFr4xr)  
2. **Something they want to change in their school:**  
Stopping food wastage in the school canteen: [http://bit.ly/1sTROiF](http://bit.ly/1sTROiF)  
3. **Something they want to change in their own community:**  
|     | 15 mins | After showing these videos, ask children to write what they would like to change either in their;  
1. Personal Life  
2. School  
3. Community |
## Day 2: Feel; Reaching the Real Challenge

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| 2   | 20 mins | 1. Today get children to share what they have thought of and write the big ideas on the board.  
     |      | 2. Next get them to vote for the situation that they would all like to see changed.  
     | 25 mins | Reaching the Real Challenge  
     |      | 1. Divide children into smaller groups to brainstorm on the different causes for the problem they have chosen.  
     |      | 2. Each group presents their findings and together the class votes on the major cause they would like to address. |

## Day 3: Imagine; Visualize Success

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| 3   | 45 mins | 1. Divide children into groups and ask each group to come up with ten ideas. Encourage a variety of ideas - even wild ones. Let children add to each others’ ideas. Let children draw out their ideas, it always helps to explain them better. The group that comes up with the most ideas wins!  
     |      | 2. Get children to vote on the idea that they would like to implement. Vote using the QBL principle. The idea should have a QUICK IMPACT, BE BOLD and be LONG LASTING. |

## Day 4: Do; Make Change Happen

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| 4   | 45 mins | Help the children make a plan of action.  
     |      | 1. Help the children break down their plan in action steps. Ask children to plan how they will carry out each action step.  
     |      | 2. Ask children to list resources they will need. How will they get them? How many people will be required? How much time will it take? How will they document their work?  
     |      | 3. Ask children to delegate responsibilities: Who will do what? Ask children to put the plan in a time line: By when will they achieve what? |
## DAY 5 AND 6 : DO; MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN

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| 5 & 6 | 90 mins | Children go out and implement their Action plan.  
Document their action. As you capture stories, focus on F.A.C.T.S  
Feelings, Actions, Changes and Transformations;  
Feelings: How can you depict the feelings of people and your Supermates?  
Actions: Capture your Supermates in action.  
Changes & Transformations: How were people changed?  
How was your community transformed? |

Teacher Tip: The DO phase may need you to help schedule time for children over the weekend or after school hours. Depending on the project chosen, by children, you may need to enable and plan for their time.

## DAY 7 : SHARE; I CAN! NOW YOU CAN TOO!

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| 7    | 45 mins | Circle of Sharing:  
Get children to share their experiences in the last one week.  
Get them to make a presentation on their story of change.  
Get them to answer the questions in the DFC submission form.  
Share your story at your morning assembly. |

Share your story with us at: [www.challenge.dfcworld.com](http://www.challenge.dfcworld.com)

You may include:  
Photo & text documents (max 4 photos for each step  
Powerpoint presentations (max 15 slides, 20 MBs in size  
Video/YouTube link (max 3 min long

Remember:  
Let's focus on showing other people how easy, fun, and meaningful it is to ‘BE THE CHANGE!’
GET INSPIRED!

JUST FOR KICKS

Design for Change School Challenge, India 2011 | Lokenete Yashwantrao Chavan Vidyaniketan, Pune, Maharashtra
Watch the story: bit.ly/dfc-justforkicks

**IMAGINE:** To play and enjoy the game like a professional team.

**DO:** The children formed teams and began training with each other’s help. They developed a very good training program and started winning interschool matches.

**FEEL:** Students realized that they could not play properly and there was no order.

Sir, why do we have to study all the time and not do anything else?

“Okay! Okay! What do you want to do?”

Play football!

Stop, this is not working!

Manish, since you are a good player, can you teach us?

To play properly, we have to make teams and divide roles.

I cannot do this alone, Sir. Maybe I can have some students from our class with whom I can practice first and then we can teach the others.

Looking at your progress in sports, some other schools have expressed a desire to have their kids learn football.

Wow Sir! Yes, we would love to coach them as well.

This looks so difficult, I don’t think I’ll be able to do this.

It is not difficult, Rhea. Think about it like this, after such a long time we got a chance to do something, we can’t just give up without trying. Come on team, let’s do it.

This will be the first time that we will go to other schools.

Yes Chaitali, and we will get a chance to make some new friends.

They continued to coach their football team as well as 7 other school teams. They were able to expand their coaching team and train two coaches in each school to help them. These little kids brought a revolutionary change not only in their school, but also in 7 other schools with their imagination and zest.

Every Child CAN

**RAHUL BOSE**
Actor / Activist
GET INSPIRED

Potholes on the way to school

Winner: Design for Change School Challenge, India 2012 | The Orchid Public School, Mysore, Karnataka


FEEL: A very bumpy ride on the way to school. The students of The Orchid Public School had a huge problem with potholes on their way to school. The road was quite dangerous and often caused accidents.

The students wrote many letters to the concerned authorities asking them to take some action. However, they did not receive any response.

IMAGINE: They discussed with friends and teachers to figure out the best possible solution to the problem.

DO: They split into teams. One group did the digging and the other group started to make the tar.

After a lot of hard work, the students managed to create a leveled road making the journey safe and hassle free for everyone.

“Do we have to help ourselves and fill the potholes? Let’s meet the contractor to learn how to make this happen.”

“Do: They collected whatever material they could and through trial and error came up with the best possible way of leveling the potholes.

“We are the CHANGE!”

“This story won because the children implemented a solution which was beyond rallies and street plays. It clearly has empowered them to take up future challenges. That is the power of I CAN.”

- Christian Long, Cannon Design, Jury Member.

“What impressed us was that these children chose a bold idea for a problem that affected them directly. They decided to take action themselves and designed an effective solution.”

- M P Ranjan, Design Thinker, Jury Member.