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I believe that CED has taken one on its most important decisions by initiating the "Better World Children's Club". During the past two decades I have been on a journey to create a better world, initiating and participating in many important processes that have helped the world become more responsive towards the conservation of the environment, implementation of sustainable development and protection of social justice. However, one strong thought that has made me realize is that the real action for a better world will really come from the generations that are children today. For this they need to be sensitive, responsive, caring and responsible towards the ideals of creating a better world. Even though the generation that I represent may hold the key towards making lasting changes to make this a better world, the real saviors could be our children who can live truly sustainable life styles that makes the world a better place. The Better World Children's Club, therefore, is a strong hope of evolving sustainable livelihoods through a process of right and sustainable livelihood. A big hope has emerged from a small corner in the world with a small group of children, their parents, friends and teachers. We would like to hear from all of you across the world as to how can this process be evolved. Please contact us if you are interested in starting-up your own "Better World Children's Club".

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Better World Children's Club Launched!

CED on the the 10th of December 2005 launched the "Better World Children's Club". Prof. Sarath Kotagama of the Forest Ornithology Group (FOGSL), Joe & Pip Richards from the Sustainable Trust, UK, Dr. Prasanna Ratnaweera from the Open University of Sri Lanka, and CED's Executive Director Uchita de Zoysa spent the morning with the BWCC initiating members and their parents discussing ways of creating a Better World (see full story in programmes).



We are inviting all our friends across the world to initiate a Better World Children's Club (BWCC) in your own country and community. Each "BWCC" can be then networked and children linked together. Through the different programmes and activities. Our hope is that by the year 2020 these children would be prepared to become the leaders and care-takers of a Better World.

To start your own club, please contact:

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A Better World is possible!

We are children of Mother Earth.
Today people are destroying the world.
Water, Air, Soil around us is being polluted.
Trees are felled and animals are being killed.
Wars fought and people being killed.
We want to ensure that our future is secured!
We want to preserve earth for all beings to live!
We want our future to be in a Better World!
A Better World is possible!

Learn about earth & the environment!
Learn about trees, animals & biodiversity;
Explore & Experience the wonders of earth;
The forests, the rivers, the oceans, the mountains, the animals;
The cultures, religions, customs, philosophies;

Let us have a new experience!
It's fun, experience & learning at the same time.
Join the "Better World Learning Camps".
Participate in the "Eco Tours & Expeditions".
Experience the "Eco Tours & Expeditions!"
Make new friends with "Earth Friends"

It's a forum of children to plan & implement exciting activities for a Better World.
It's an opportunity to learn & prepare Children to create a Better World for All.



Better World Children's Club Members go Bird Watching



The first main activity of the BWCC was going Bird watching. The children woke up early morning, despite their lazy holiday habits, to watch and learn about birds at the Bird Sanctuary near the Thalangama Tank. Their able guide was "Aunty Wathsala" of the Field Ornithology Group of Sri Lanka (FOGSL). FOGSL is the Sri Lankan affiliate of Bird Life International, and is pursuing the goal of becoming a leading local organization for bird study, bird conservation and carrying the conservation message to the masses. They have a program of site visits and lectures throughout the year and also publish the Malkoha newsletter and other occasional publications. FOGSL is at the forefront of bird research in Sri Lanka, with its close association to the University of Colombo. Education is an important activity and FOGSL use school visits, exhibitions, workshops and conferences on bird study and conservation to promote their aims.

