



EARTHSHOT TAKEOVER

# VOICE

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## Mrs Cafferky - Principal

We are delighted to share with you our latest newsletter based on the wonderful work of our school community and Earthshot Ambassador team. At Trinity Academy Leeds and across our MAT we have made a pledge to fight climate change and to look after our planet, protecting and nurturing it for the next generation. Our young people have been using their voice and campaigning for change through a range of exciting opportunities. Very soon we will be recruiting our Year 7 Earthshot Ambassadors too! At TAL we encourage our young people to find their passion, whatever that may be....we hope that you enjoy reading all about what we have been up to!



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# TMAT EARTHSHOT

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## Emma Hanlon - Director of TMAT Earthshot



Trinity MAT Earthshot was launched, by our pupils from across the MAT, to over 700 staff on the 28th February 2022. The inspiration for this initiative came from President John F. Kennedy's famous Moonshot speech and the Earthshot Prize Giving event, headed by HRH Prince William. Since opening our first school, just over a decade ago in 2010, we have supported thousands of young people to achieve their potential both academically and socially, and we are proud of their many individual achievements. We have also educated our young people to understand what it means to be a responsible citizen and how they can play a vital part in shaping the future. As we look to the next decade, our Trust, which is now made up of more than ten academies, with over 6,000 pupils ranging from nursery through to post-16, has committed to a decade of action to repair our planet.

Our planet is in crisis, our pupils and staff understand this so we are standing up, speaking out and committed to making a difference.

As Sir David Attenborough said: *"If working apart, we are a force powerful enough to destabilise our planet, surely working together, we are powerful enough to save it."*

**Trinity MAT has pledged £30,000 a year to fund environmental work which will be awarded as prize money at each annual conference. The funding will be awarded to the top 3 projects across the MAT in the following structure:**

**Staff lead:** Mrs O'Hanlon

**Student members:** Abdullah, Phoebe, Sariah, Reda, Mustafa, Tyler-James, Jasmine, Brooke, Ava-May, Shalom, Moram, Halima.

**Staff Ambassadors and Governors:**

Ms Heath, Ms Kay, Mr Alcock.

**Parent Ambassador:** Mrs Mahalli

**1st prize - £15,000**  
**2nd prize - £10,000**  
**3rd prize - £5,000**

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## The MAT Pledges

At the TMat launch date in February 2022, several pledges were presented to every single colleague from within the MAT. Colleagues voted for the pledges they would like to see us commit to as an organisation, and the trust has committed to support and invest in each pledge voted in by the staff. We have to achieve these pledges within the next 10 years as part of our commitment to a decade of change.

The pledges selected are:



Ensure all school waste is reused or recycled. Each school will have dedicated recycling bins and systems to ensure waste is managed appropriately.

Achieve green flag accreditation and plant 52 trees. Trinity MAT has pledged to plant a tree in 52 cities within England, spreading our commitment to help repair our planet across the country. As each tree is planted, we see it as another step forward in our decade long pursuit to make positive change to our environment.



Remove all single use plastics. At TAL, we have already removed single use water bottles from sale. By the end of the decade, single use plastics will not be used in any of our schools.

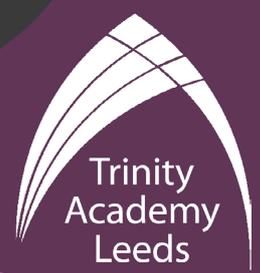
Incentivise staff to buy electric vehicles. Electric vehicle charging facilities will be installed at every school to enable all staff to purchase an electric vehicle. Our Vice Principal, Mrs Collins, and TMat's CEO, Michael Gosling, are leading the way having already switched to electric vehicles.



Decrease the number of staff and students opting for meat dishes. Meat free Monday is embedded across the trust. No food items containing meat are sold in our academies on Mondays. We also offer a healthy and tasty vegetarian option every day.

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## Mrs O'Hanlon - Head of Y8

At Trinity Academy Leeds we strive to be positive citizens, role models and leave a lasting legacy in our community and beyond. The MAT Earthshot initiative encapsulates our core values and gives us a platform to trailblaze meaningful and positive projects to save our planet. Our generation must understand our significance in driving a decade of change. At TAL, we do. We are the figureheads of the climate revolution and we are committed to holding ourselves and others to account to ensure that we live and work sustainably. Our world is full of natural beauty and we are privileged to be its keepers. We must take our role seriously.

Our ambassadors are incredibly dedicated to their roles and radiate enthusiasm when discussing our fight against climate change. They have already directly influenced positive change within school and the community, such as: removing any single use plastics from sale in our refectory; planting an Oak tree on site; removing litter and waste from the local area; and more recently they have begun developing an onsite eco garden.

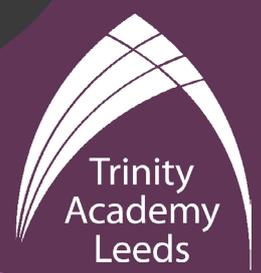
## Oliver Alcock - Governor

'I'm already a governor at TAL, but I feel I'd be best placed as an Earthshot representative for the governing body, due to my involvement with Earthshot in the trust. I want to promote less waste and more recycling across the trust, to hopefully make an impact in the wider world. Our young learners have a lot to offer – it's their future we're trying to save! Seeing the impact of plastic waste, carbon emissions, and the effect it has on our environment is inspiration enough. Our planet is a mess, and we need to act urgently. The hotter temperatures and extreme weather changes are a concern, as not only do they affect countries around the globe – we feel the effects more locally too. The flooding in my local area (Halifax) was a bit of a wake up call, so we need to do everything we can to combat this.'



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## Ms Heath - Staff Ambassador

Trinity Academy Leeds are changemakers, we collaborate, we celebrate, we work hard, and we make a difference.

We are all living together on a single planet, which is threatened by our own actions. The next generation are not only wiser to the forthcoming but ferocious when it comes to tackling climate change. Our pupils inspire me to make their world a better place, so that they may continue to learn and grow and live without the burden of historical damage weighing on them. This generation did not contribute to climate change; however, they are the ones who will be directly affected. As an Earthshot representative, I hope to contribute to building a community where we all care, genuinely care, whereby every action you do - you consider the climatic repercussions.

I pose this question to you - how many times a day do you consider your effect on the climate? your footprint on the earth?

The TMAT Earthshot initiative allows our community to think, process and act on this, creating a more resourceful and careful world.

## Ms Kay - Staff Ambassador



The most significant act that we can undertake as a community is to safeguard our planet. At Trinity Academy Leeds all staff and students are passionate about environmentalism and we take our role as caregivers to the earth incredibly serious. I am passionate about my role on the Earth shot committee as I want to make a difference in our academy and in our MAT.

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# STUDENT EARTHSHOT AMBASSADORS



**Fatoumata**



'I am excited to be part of Earthshot so I can change the world. I want to fight against climate change and pollution.'

**Mustafa**



'I became an Earthshot Ambassador so I could work with different people and groups to solve the climate crisis'

**Abdullah**



'It is time to make all places clean and healthy so everyone is safe'

**Brooke**



'Being a member of a school council to solve climate change sounds small, but we will make a huge difference'

**Tyler-James**



'I want to change the way we use plastic in our school and how we manage waste'

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## Moram



'I want to protect nature and wildlife. It is cruel that animals suffer for our benefit'

## Halima



'My biggest concern is the loss of wildlife. I am passionate about protecting natural habitats'



## Ava-May



'The world should be a safe place for future generations. We need to make that the case'

## Jasmine



'I don't want to see our planet slowly die, so I became an Earthshot Ambassador to make change'

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## Shalom



'I want to make a positive change to the planet and inspire others to do the same'

## Sairah



'Many environmental activists such as Greta Thunberg inspire me to help saving our planet by raising awareness'



## Phoebe



'My inspiration to join Earthshot is that I want to save the planet for future generations'

## Reda



'Pollution in the ocean inspired me to join Earthshot because I want marine life to be healthier'

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## Earthshot Takeover

The final term of the 2021-2022 academic year saw eco-fever sweep through Trinity Academy Leeds. A series of lunchtime lectures took place each Thursday of the term and a photography and art competition gripped the cohort. Both initiatives encouraged students to look for the world's natural beauty in nature and wildlife and to understand the effects of this on our way of living. Students listened attentively to the following lectures tied in to the five Earthshots delivered by a team of staff passionate about saving our planet.

Thursday 16th June - Why us? Why now? (Mrs O'Hanlon)

Thursday 23rd June - Build a waste free world and revive our oceans (Ms Kay)

Thursday 30th June - Fix our climate and clean our air (Mr Trail)

Thursday 7th July - Restore nature (Ms Bury)

Thursday 14th July - International Humanitarian Aid (Ms Kay)



Picture by Katie Fannon



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## Our Earth By Brooke Greenaway

Our beautiful Earth can be saved,  
If we all work together to save it.  
Can't you see?  
The Earth is dying faster than you can blink.

Our planet is dying, it's not green.  
What do we do about it?  
We need to do what is right,  
To help rivers flow,  
To help our trees grow.

It's our Earth;  
It's given us life.  
The planet of our birth slowly being lost,  
Don't let it crumble beneath our feet,  
Or allow us to witness our planet becoming weak.

Our lovely Earth,  
It's beautiful to see.  
The trees that grow high,  
The flowers and the sea.  
The bumble bees,  
Can't you see?

The sun shines onto the Earth,  
The moon glows in the night.  
Forests are turning to ashes,  
Our futures are being stolen,

By mankind, us,  
Can't you see?  
We are the thieves.

Sea levels rising,  
Icebergs melting.  
We cannot sit back and watch our planet degrade,  
When we are the main cause of this disgrace.



Trees,  
They do so much for us; you and me,  
So why gladly watch them fall,  
One.  
Two.  
Three.

Pollution, in land, water and air,  
For future generations it isn't fair.  
We hope and wish for things we don't need,  
Damaging tall green trees,  
Becoming waste in clear blue seas.

If we don't act now, no-one will.  
We need mother nature,  
Mother nature doesn't need us.  
We need to fight,

To make sure our future is bright.  
Otherwise,  
There could be no future,  
No future in sight.

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## 5000 Eco Gardens

This year we have been incredibly fortunate to receive a £5,000 grant from Halifax Community Fund to design and develop our own eco garden at Trinity Academy Leeds. We have little green space as an inner-city school, and we are very conscious of how this might affect local wildlife. Prior to designing our eco garden our ambassadors met with Alison Varley and Alex Bergin from the Royal Horticultural Society to seek advice on the development of their garden. The meeting was of real value to our students who left feeling inspired and informed on seasonal planting and environmentally friendly solutions to planting and maintaining gardens. Both Alison and Alex were full of praise for our young environmentalists, praising their enthusiasm for improving our school, community, and planet. Alison and Alex are looking forward to working with our young people in the future and in the coming year we will be visiting an RHS site to deepen our understanding of horticulture.

The Earthshot Ambassadors are currently working on their plans for our eco garden which will include sensory elements. This will ensure the eco garden is accessible and a safe, calming space for all students, which has been crucial to their planning. Our ambassadors have been hard at work creating mood boards and wish lists to a strict budget and will soon be meeting with a landscape gardening company to see how their ideas can come to life. Expect to see insect houses, sustainable materials and sustainable management of food waste in the installed garden!



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## Single Use Water Bottles

At the end of Year 7 we decided to remove single use plastic water bottles from sale in the refectory. We made this choice because we want to reduce the amount of plastic that goes into the oceans. A plastic bottle takes 450 years to decompose. Plastics break down into microplastics over these long periods of time which pollute oceans and affect marine life. Even before they break down, animals such as turtles or larger fish often mistake plastic for food and ingest pieces of which could block their digestive system preventing them from continuing to digest normal food. Large animals, such as whales, cannot control what floats into their mouths when they eat, so plastic in the ocean poses a threat to their health. The average person uses 156 plastic water bottles per year. We are significantly reducing this number for our students by not selling single use plastic water bottles any more. At TAL all students are given a TAL reusable water bottle for free, or they can bring their own from home. Our students can also use the water fountains positioned around school and we also provide water jugs and cups during every social time.'

- Jasmine



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## Earthshot Takeover

At TAL, we are passionate about keeping our school and local environment safe and clean. Our academy is spotless, our students do not litter and we take pride in the appearance of our school. We also take pride in Burmantofts and wanted to clean the streets. We took part in 'Leeds Goes Purple' and litter picked in our local area for an hour after school. We requested purple bags from Leeds City Council. Purple is our favourite colour, it was almost like Leeds Council created the litter pick for us. Purple stars always go above and beyond, so we also invested in purple vests, purple gloves and litter pickers. We will be conducting regular litter picks throughout the year, in our Involve Earthshot sessions and as enrichment activities for students to volunteer in the local community, clean the streets and gain a build stamp whilst doing it. This is just another example of how our students can shine brighter and use their core values for the good of the community.'

- Abdullah and Reda

## Letters to Sir David Attenborough

We wrote letters to Sir David Attenborough about how we wanted to change the world and make it a more sustainable place. Sir David Attenborough is a leader in climate activism; he is world renowned for the work he does to understand and protect our planet. Sir David Attenborough is known to read letters he receives from society and often replies. We are yet to hear back from Sir David Attenborough, but we are confident that when he reads the reasons why he inspires us, our ambitions for change and the work we are doing he will most certainly be impressed.

- Ava-May

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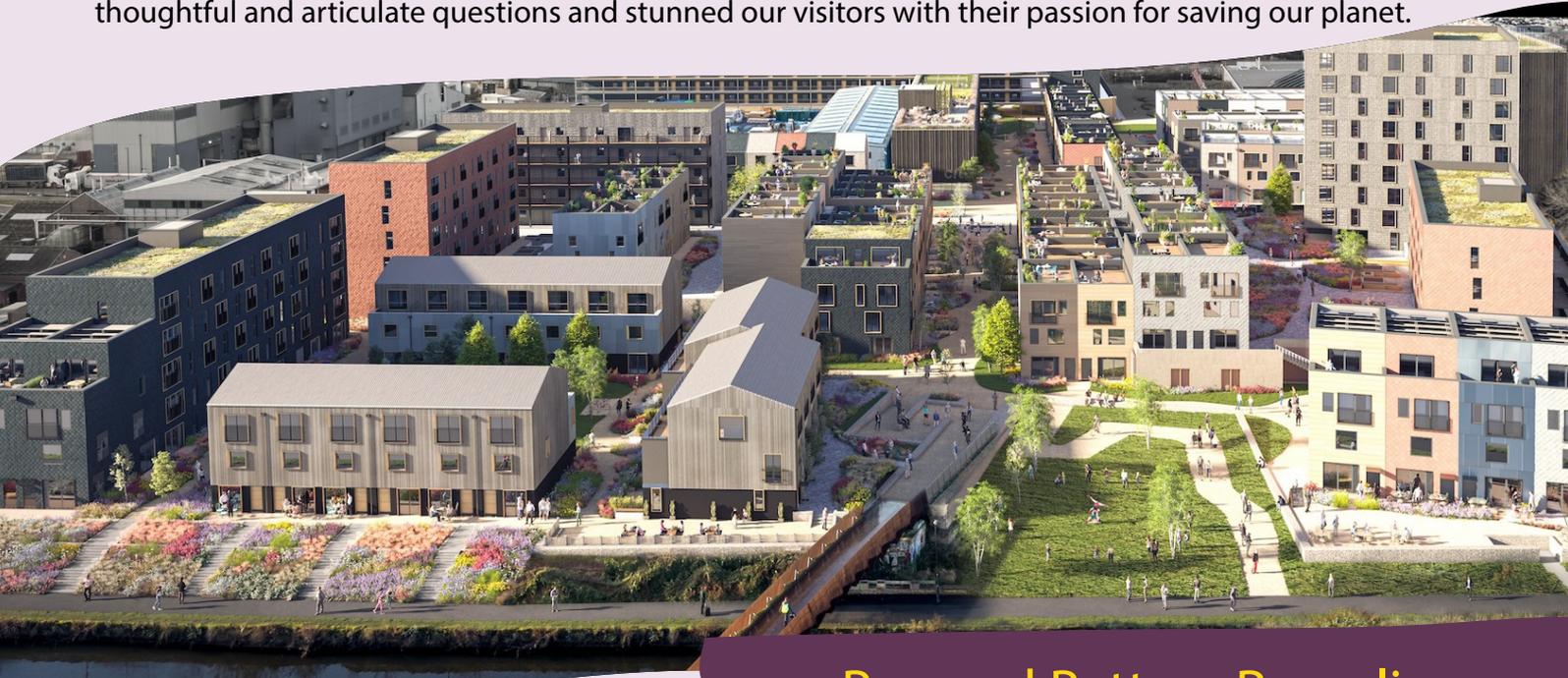
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## Meetings with Citu

Last term we met with Chris Thompson, the founder and Managing Director, and Jonathan Wilson, the Director of Development of Citu: a Yorkshire based property development company. Citu develop 'Climate Innovation Districts' where homeowners in the community have a stake in the organisation and can vote on how it is run. This includes how money that is earned from the solar panels within the development is invested back into the community, to increase sustainability and improve the lives of its residents. The Citu Home is designed with sustainability in mind and will drastically reduce the homeowner's carbon footprint, in comparison with living in a standard home. Solar panels, green roofs and space and rain gardens are all features of the district. Having already visited the Citu site, several of our ambassadors were already knowledgeable and enthusiastic to learn more. The students crafted thoughtful and articulate questions and stunned our visitors with their passion for saving our planet.



## Pen and Battery Recycling

We have recycling facilities for whiteboard pens and batteries. We use our whiteboard pens for recall six in our classes. Recall six is when we retrieve knowledge from our long-term memory to answer six questions that are on the board when we enter our lessons. This prepares us for the lesson ahead, but also helps us refine and embed knowledge so when we come to our GCSE's we will be more successful. Because we do this in every single lesson, it means that we use a lot of whiteboard pens and must replace them regularly. Rather than just throwing away the used pens, we recycle them so the plastic is not just discarded into landfill or does not end up in the ocean. We also recycle batteries. When batteries are sent to landfill, they start to rot away, which means the liquid chemicals inside of them will leak. These chemicals can contaminate water and soil and find their way into our oceans. Due to this, marine life is affected, as is our environment and human life. We recycle batteries to prevent this from happening.'

- Phoebe

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## Coming up: Burmantofts Senior Action Eco Garden

In the new year our students will use their eco gardening expertise to work with members of local charity Burmantofts Senior Action (BSA). BSA are looking to increase light physical activity amongst their members and like us, have a strong commitment to environmental action. The Earthshot Council will work with BSA to further develop our eco garden by planting and gardening with BSA members.



## Uniform Recycling

The production of clothing accounts for 10% of global carbon dioxide output and 1/5 of the 300 million tons of plastic produced each year. To play our part in reducing these figures we have a uniform recycling point in the main reception area. Any family that has spare uniform items, still in a wearable condition, can donate this to the academy to allow for redistribution. By recycling spare uniform, we are taking action against climate change by reducing greenhouse gases produced in landfills. The decomposition of clothing produces methane, and the dyes and chemicals used to treat the clothing seep into the soil and water sources, contaminating both. Recycling uniform also supports our families to ensure every child is equipped with full uniform. If you have any uniform your child has grown out of that you wish to donate, please send it into school with your child. We thank you for your support.

- Brooke

## Earth Day Oak Tree Planting

On Friday 22nd April we celebrated Earth Day by planting one of the 52 oak trees to be planted across the country. The tree was planted on our school site, where we will watch it grow and flourish, along with our commitment to climate change. Across all of our schools tree planting ceremonies took place. We were lucky enough to be joined by our local MP, Hilary Benn. Mr Benn played a significant role in the ceremony. Mr Benn assisted our Earthshot Ambassadors in planting the tree, unveiled the plaque and delivered a speech on his desire to fight climate change. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to pose thoughtful and challenging questions around climate change, the actions of our local council in supporting this, and a career in politics. We are looking forward to Mr Benn returning to Trinity Academy Leeds in the future to work with our young people.



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Our school specialism is Voice, at TAL our students learn to express themselves in many ways through our broad curriculum and wide range of co-curricular activities. 'TALent', our prestigious urban dance club, takes place every Friday. Within this, students practically explore a range of key topics and issues that affect them both locally and globally. This element of performative voice is a powerful tool for our young people that enables them to express themselves through dance. At the 2022 Earthshot conference, held at Trinity Academy Halifax, our students performed 'Earthrise' a powerful routine inspired by the poem 'Earthrise' by Amanda Gorman. The performance saw Abdullah take a central role as Earth, fighting to survive and flourish, showcasing it's grace and natural beauty through contemporary dance. Ava, Harleigh, Sasha, Adama, Ellta and Milan represented the fight against climate change through street dance surrounding Abdullah. Our 'Earthrise', like the poem, was a call to action. A tale of resistance; of action; and of triumph, where ultimately, Earth is repaired.

## 'EARTHRISE' BY AMANDA GORMAN



On Christmas Eve, 1968, astronaut Bill Anders  
Snapped a photo of the earth  
As Apollo 8 orbited the moon.

Those three guys  
Were surprised  
To see from their eyes  
Our planet looked like an earthrise  
A blue orb hovering over the moon's gray horizon,  
with deep oceans and silver skies.

It was our world's first glance at itself  
Our first chance to see a shared reality,  
A declared stance and a commonality;

A glimpse into our planet's mirror,  
And as threats drew nearer,  
Our own urgency became clearer,  
As we realize that we hold nothing dearer  
than this floating body we all call home.

We've known  
That we're caught in the throes  
Of climactic changes some say  
Will just go away,

While some simply pray  
To survive another day;  
For it is the obscure, the oppressed, the poor,  
Who when the disaster  
Is declared done,  
Still suffer more than anyone.



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# 'EARTHRISE'

## BY AMANDA GORMAN

Climate change is the single greatest challenge of our time,  
Of this, you're certainly aware.  
It's saddening, but I cannot spare you  
From knowing an inconvenient fact, because  
It's getting the facts straight that gets us to act and not to  
wait.

So I tell you this not to scare you,  
But to prepare you, to dare you  
To dream a different reality,

Where despite disparities  
We all care to protect this world,  
This riddled blue marble, this little true marvel  
To muster the verve and the nerve  
To see how we can serve  
Our planet. You don't need to be a politician  
To make it your mission to conserve, to protect,  
To preserve that one and only home  
That is ours,  
To use your unique power  
To give next generations the planet they deserve.

We are demonstrating, creating, advocating

We heed this inconvenient truth, because  
we need to be anything but lenient  
With the future of our youth.

And while this is a training,  
in sustaining the future of our planet,  
There is no rehearsal. The time is  
Now  
Now  
Now,

Because the reversal of harm,  
And protection of a future so universal  
Should be anything but controversial.

So, earth, pale blue dot  
We will fail you not.

Just as we chose to go to the moon  
We know it's never too soon  
To choose hope.  
We choose to do more than cope  
With climate change  
We choose to end it—  
We refuse to lose.  
Together we do this and more



Not because it's very easy or nice  
But because it is necessary,  
Because with every dawn we carry  
the weight of the fate of this  
celestial body orbiting a star.  
And as heavy as that weight sounded,  
it doesn't hold us down,  
But it keeps us grounded, steady, ready,  
Because an environmental movement of this size  
Is simply another form of an earthrise.

To see it, close your eyes.  
Visualize that all of us leaders in this room  
and outside of these walls or in the halls, all  
of us changemakers are in a spacecraft,  
Floating like a silver raft  
in space, and we see the face of our planet anew.  
We relish the view;  
We witness its round green and brilliant blue,  
Which inspires us to ask deeply, wholly:  
What can we do?  
Open your eyes.  
Know that the future of  
this wise planet  
Lies right in sight:  
Right in all of us. Trust  
this earth uprising.  
All of us bring light to exciting  
solutions never tried before  
For it is our hope that implores us,  
at our uncompromising core,  
To keep rising up for an earth more than worth fighting for.

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# EARTHSHOT ART

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Our purple stars' creativity and artistic flair shone through in the photography and art competition, seeing a number of breathtaking entries flood in.



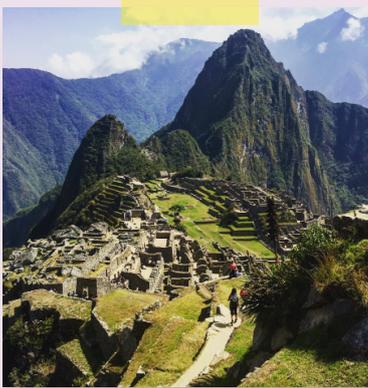
Rayann Blackmore



Bethany Barker-Libotte



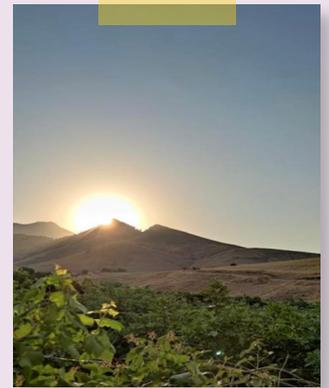
Moram Osman



Ms Kay



Nimra Ali



Daniel Baizidy



Narin Lysek



Katie Fannon

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## Thank you for reading our TAL newsletter!

Interested in becoming an Earthshot Ambassador?  
Earthshot will be launched to Year 7 in the first week back  
after Christmas. We can't wait to read your applications and  
help you use your voice to save our planet!



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