

"Leonardo 4 Children" Book

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The "Leonardo 4 Children" non-profit initiative has been launched by the Carano 4 Children Foundation, with the support of numerous partners and sponsors, with the aim of stimulating the creativity of European children and young people and helping children in need through educational projects on art and science, on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci and the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child in 2019.

In the framework of the "Leonardo 4 Children" initiative, three competitions have been organised all over Europe in 2019: one for children between 6 and 12 years old to interpret Leonardo da Vinci's Fables in comics, one for young composers to interpret these Fables with classical music and one for young people from 13 to 18 years old, on the original integration between art and science. The competitions saw the extraordinary participation of **709** children and teenagers from **15** European countries, with **322** original and creative works.

The book "**Leonardo 4 Children**" gathers the extraordinary works realised by the winners of the "Leonardo 4 Children" competitions and it includes:

- a) 12 Fables of Leonardo da Vinci translated in **English, Italian and French**, comic book illustrations of the children who won the competition "Leonardo 4 Children", and music/songs of the young musicians and composers who won the relevant competition.
- b) "Art & Science" works by the children winners of the relative competition.

The fables of Leonardo da Vinci can be of great stimulus for children and young people, showing the value of knowledge of nature, competence, modesty, respect and caring for others. Moreover, the works published in this book have been exposed in prestigious places, such as the Royal Museums of Turin and the Ambrosian Library of Milan where original masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci are kept, and the winners' music has been performed in concerts and events. This shows that children can enter places of culture not only as visitors and spectators, but also as **active subjects** and authors of original works.

The net funds raised by the book are entirely dedicated to providing educational support on art and science to children in need, especially orphans, abandoned, sick or refugees, thus creating a solidarity and cultural bond between children and young people of greater and lesser opportunities, in particular between European and non-European children, showing that all children have similar potential to create and become 'geniuses' inspired by Leonardo da Vinci.

The Foundation invites bodies such as children's hospitals, foundations, private companies, non-profit organisations, schools, museums and libraries wishing to support these solidarity objectives to contact us at info@carano4children.org to purchase a considerable number of books (at least 20 copies) through one of the following options:

1. The body may decide to purchase a quantity of books at a price of €10.00 per copy. In this case, the "Carano 4 Children Foundation" will donate the proceeds to the following beneficiary projects: Art and music for children in refugee camps in Jordan (UNICEF), Art, theatre and science for street children in Kenya (AfGiC and Fondazione Pianoterra), Art and science for orphans and abandoned children in Ukraine (Charity May).
2. The body may decide to purchase a number of books to collect funds for a project of its choice (in favour of children in need). In this case, the body will purchase a number of "Leonardo 4 Children" books by exclusively covering the production costs of the books (3.00 € per copy) to be credited to the "Carano 4 Children" Foundation. Then, the body may resell the books at a price of minimum 10.00€ per copy in order to raise funds for its own project.

