

« Carano 4 Children » non-profit foundation



Leonardo 4 Children 2024

Climate, Equality & Peace



Philanthropic non-profit initiative engaging children and young people in Europe and beyond on Climate, Equality & Peace, and to support children in need through art & science.

“Every child can be a Genius !”

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In memory of David Sassoli



"I welcome the initiative Leonardo4Children and I am pleased that the EP has decided to give its patronage to the workshop on climate action and gender equality planned on 1st October 2021. I encourage all children and young people to take part in the initiative and use art and science skills to provide their ideas in order to solve these fundamental issues and become responsible and empowered European leaders of the future." (D. Sassoli, President of the European Parliament, March 2021).

1. Introduction

The non-profit initiative "**Leonardo 4 Children 2024**" is dedicated to the issues of **climate action & environmental sustainability, equality including gender and social equality, and peace**, with the aim of giving children and young people throughout Europe and beyond the possibility to contribute to tackling climate change and promoting respect between people through equality and peace, while supporting children in need through artistic and scientific education.

The initiative has following **objectives**:

1. stimulate the creativity of **children and young people across Europe** (and beyond) to proactively address the issues of climate change, equality and peace, using art and science and contributing to their balanced development as future leaders;
2. help **children in need** with education in art & science- in particular orphans or abandoned children, children in refugee camps, children in hospitals - and help them to overcome post-traumatic stress;
3. create a **cultural and solidarity link** between children, including between children living in Europe and those living in other countries, and showing that every child has the potential to be a "genius".

This is the 6th edition of the non-profit initiative "**Leonardo 4 Children**" which started in 2019 and, as its previous editions, it includes competitions which represent **a kind of "Nobel prize" for children**. In fact, if Leonardo da Vinci were reborn again 500 years after his death, he would not need to solve the problems of discovering the functioning of human body, or inventing ways to make man flying, or inventing machines: he would likely focus on using creativity to solve global problems that influence the quality of our lives such as climate change or social issues. Thus, children and young people are invited to become the new Leonardo da Vinci of 21st century:

"Every child can be a genius !"

2. Background

The initiative is promoted by the non-profit foundation “**Carano 4 Children**”¹ (the “foundation”), in cooperation with several partners, and follows the success of the previous initiatives “**Leonardo 4 Children**”, which took place in 2019 on the occasion of the 500-year anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci’s death (1519-2019), and 30-year anniversary of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (1989-2019) and "Leonardo 4 Children 2020: Climate Action" launched in 2020 and dedicated to environmental sustainability and climate action.



The previous initiatives and related events received the medal of the Italian President of the Republic (2019), the patronage and moral support of several institutions and personalities for related events including: UNESCO (2019-2021-2023), the European Commission Vice President for the Green Deal (2021), the European Commissioner for Education Culture and Youth (2019-2020), the European Parliament (2019-2020-2021-2023), the European Economic and Social Committee (2020-2021-2022-2023), the European Committee of the Regions (2020-2021-2022-2023), All 4 Climate Italy COP26 (2021), H.M. the Queen of Belgium (2019), the Italian Embassy in Belgium (2019-2022-2023), the Italian Institute of Culture in Brussels (2019-2022-2023); Tuscany region (2019-2020-2021), Lombardy region (2019-2022-2023), Piedmont region (2019-2020-2022), Centre Val de Loire region (2019), Apulia region (2021), the Leonardo Museum in Vinci and the Municipality of Vinci (2019), the Ambrosiana Library in Milan (2019), the Museum of Science and Technology in Milan (2019-2022), and the Royal Museums in Turin (2019).

As part of the five previous initiatives, European Awards were held with the participation of **2,661 children** and young people from **20 EU countries and 8 non - EU countries**, who submitted **801 original projects**. Numerous workshops and concerts took place in Brussels, Barcelona, Turin, Florence, Milan and Rome, with **7065 participants in 25 events**, in favor of beneficiary projects to help children in need of artistic and scientific education in Europe, Jordan, Kenya, Ukraine and Italy. These concerts have seen the participation of very talented children and top-level musicians such as Anastasiya Petryshak (Andrea Bocelli’s violinist), Esther Ambrami (violinist), Stefano Cucci (director of the choir of Ennio Morricone’s Orchestra), Erika Zoi (pianist and composer), Carmine Padula (pianist and composer), the Orchestra of the Italian State Police, famous tv presenter Christian Galvez, Italian tv

¹ The “Carano 4 Children” foundation has the mission to help children in need, in particular orphans and abandoned children, to develop their creativity and skills via art and science. The foundation has been created in memory of Luigi and Erika, two married top aeronautical engineers from Italy with incredible talent in arts and science.

presenter Paola Salluzzi, Italian Actress Luisa Ranieri.

Four books have been published: one by GIUNTI collects Leonardo's 12 fables in Italian, English and French, and the works of the winners of the 2019 competitions, one with the winners of the 2020-21 editions on climate action and gender equality, two with winners of the 2022 and 2023 editions on climate, equality & peace. All the net funds from the books are in favor of the selected beneficiary projects.

The Leonardo 4 Children Awards are part of the **STEM Discovery Campaign 2024**, supported by *Scientix* (the community for science education of Europe, www.scientix.eu), managed by **European Schoolnet**, including Ministries of Education, schools and teachers across the EU, and will be promoted via websites, social media and link from other third parties active in education, art, science field.

The "Leonardo 4 Children Academy" has been selected as a 2-year project funded by the European Union under Erasmus+ programme. The aim is to create an innovative educational model for schools to develop the artistic and scientific skills of children and young people, so that they can become the responsible leaders of the 21st century and address key global issues such as climate and equality. The project is led by the Carano 4 Children foundation with partners:

- 32nd primary school of Piraeus, Athens, Greece 🇬🇷;
- American Academy Prague, Czech republic 🇨🇪;
- Aleksander Puskin gymnasium, Vilnius, Lithuania 🇱🇹;
- Lycée français Jean Monnet, Brussels, Belgium 🇧🇪;
- Istituto comprensivo P. Levi, Impruneta, Florence, Italy 🇮🇹;
- IUSE, Turin, Italy;

and associated partners:

- Fundacion Philippe Cousteau, Madrid, Spain;
- Europa InCanto, Rome, Italy;
- Lunigiana International Music Festival, Italy;
- Operamus, Brussels.



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3. Partners

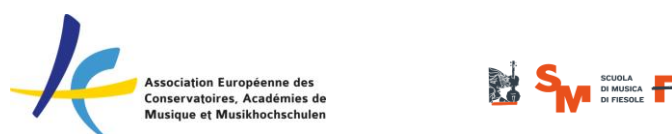
The initiative is promoted in collaboration with several partners including:



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Leonardo 4 Music award partners



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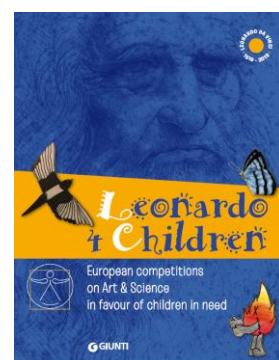


The foundation adheres to and supports the **EU Climate Pact**:

https://europa.eu/climate-pact/index_en



Partners and sponsors can join the initiative supporting specific activities, such as: a) offering talent development awards and supporting the campaign on the initiative; b) sponsoring the events and concerts to cover the costs; c) buying the “Leonardo 4 Children” books or sponsoring the publication of the new book featuring the winners; d) supporting the beneficiary children in need via education and material on art and science. For more information, please see par. §10.



Events

Concerts and events will be organized to promote the works of the winners of the competitions and to raise funds in favor of support children via art and science, partly for children in need located in the hosting country of the event, and partly for children in need in a country outside the EU, based on a twinning and solidarity approach.

4. Timetable

- **Webinars** to promote the awards in schools, October 2023-March 2024;
- **Awards** for children aged 6-12, teenagers aged 13-18 and for young music composers aged 16-30 open **until 15th May 2024**; announcement of winners, mid June 2024;
- Concert in favour of UNICEF, **Turin, 14 April 2024**;
- Events “Leonardo 4 Children Academy and concert in **Vinci and Florence, 22-25 May 2024** - concert in favour of Meyer hospital, Scandicci (Florence), 23 May 2024;
- **Workshop** with children who participated in the awards, teachers and beneficiary children, and Award ceremony, **Italian Institute of Culture, Brussels and online, 4 October 2024**;
- **Concert and 2024 Award ceremony**, Espace Lumen, **Brussels, 4 October 2024**;
- **Events** “Leonardo 4 Children Academy and concert in **Prague, 23-25 October 2024**;
- Other workshop and events in European cities, including Brussels, Vilnius and Athens in the framework of Erasmus+ project “Leonardo 4 Children Academy 2024-25”;
- participation in events organized by other entities and institutions on climate, education and on social issues.

5. “Leonardo 4 Children 2024” Awards

The "Leonardo 4 Children" initiative includes three Awards on a European scale and beyond, open to young people living in the **27 EU Member States**. They are also open to children and young people resident in other regions and countries around the World, in cooperation with local partners.

The "Leonardo 4 Children 2024” Awards include:

I. Awards for children aged 6-12

“**Fables on Climate, Equality & Peace**”, in which children have to invent a fable addressing one of the three topics of climate, equality and peace and illustrate it with a comic strip or with a music/dance/theatre performance;

II. Awards for teenagers aged 13-18

“**Art & Science on Climate, Equality & Peace**”, in which teenagers have to create an original and inspiring work integrating art & science and addressing one of the three topics of climate, equality and peace, possibly in teamwork or in class;

III. Awards for young music composers aged 16-30

“Leonardo 4 Music”, in which young music composers aged 16-30 have to invent an original melodic music interpreting on of the three topics of climate, equality and peace, possibly inspired by one of the fables of Leonardo da Vinci, one of the works of the previous winners of “Leonardo 4 Children” awards or a movie/poem related to the topic selected (climate, equality and/or peace).

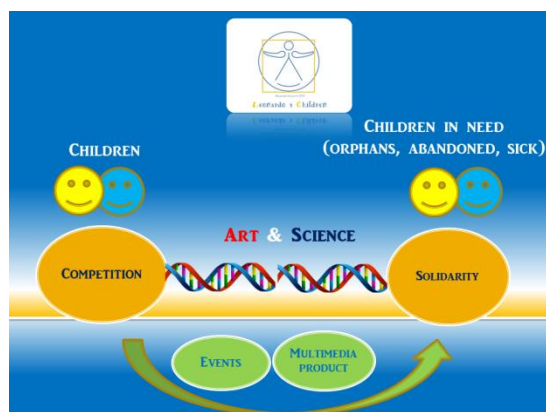
The terms and conditions to participate and the application forms are available on the website www.carano4children.org.

The awards will allow children and young people across the European Union to use and further develop their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) skills. Awards for children, teenagers and young people who win the competitions include: access to the “Talent Development Program”, a certificate, invitation to the award ceremony, publication in the book "Leonardo 4 Children", exhibition in museums and during events, participation in workshops and artistic or scientific experiences, meetings with leading figures or experts in the artistic and / or scientific fields.

6. Beneficiaries

The funds and material raised by the initiative will be entirely used for education of children in need, such as orphans or children without parents, refugees, children in hospital or children with physical or intellectual disabilities. The funds will be entirely used to educate children on “art” and “science” with workshops, material and educational initiatives, via “implementing partners” such as international organisations, hospitals or NGOs.

The “implementing partners” are organizations which operate to support children on the field and have excellent implementation capacity, high transparency standards and high reputation. A specific written agreement is signed with each partner specifying the objectives, use of funds, conditions, reporting and auditing criteria, and child safeguarding measures.



Then following beneficiary projects are supported by Leonardo 4 Children initiative:

1. **Support to UNICEF's programs in favor of Ukrainian children and teenagers who are refugees in Europe (partner: UNICEF)**



The past nine years of conflict in Ukraine have inflicted profound and lasting harm on children, and the escalation of the conflict since the end of February is having a devastating impact on the country's 7.5 million children.

Children continue to be killed, wounded and deeply traumatized by the violence all around them. Over 5.5 million children of Ukraine have now endured almost over two years of devastation and displacement, one of the fastest large-scale displacements of children since World War II.

2. Art and music for children in refugee camps in Jordan ("Makani"), with partner UNICEF;
3. Art, theatre & science for children living in the suburbs of Nairobi, Kenya, with partners "Action for Children in Conflict" (AfCiC) and "Fondazione Pianoterra";
4. Art and science for orphans and abandoned children in Ukraine, with partner "Charity May";
5. Support to orphans and abandoned children and care-leavers in Kyrgyzstan, with partner "Oasis";
6. Support to children in hospital via play-therapy, Florence, Italy, with partner "Meyer foundation";
7. Support to children in schools in suburban areas via art and music, in cooperation with MUS-E Turin, Italy.

Information on the **progress** and the **impact** of these projects is publicly available on the website: <https://carano4children.org/beneficiaries>

8. Supervision

The initiative is launched by the foundation “Carano 4 Children”, and is supported by the “Leonardo 4 Children” **Advisory Board** which includes more than 50 professionals acting pro-bono and on a personal basis, of different nationalities with extensive multi-disciplinary experience in children’s education, culture, music, science, development aid and philanthropy.

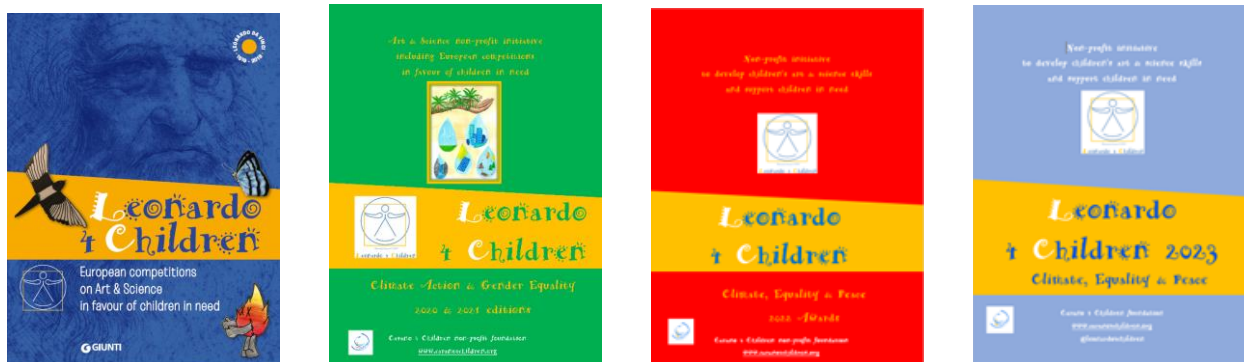
9. “Leonardo 4 Children” publications

The book “Leonardo 4 Children” aims to stimulate the creative potential of children with art and science and raise funds for children in need. For the year 2024, the Foundation plans to publish a new virtual version of the book Leonardo 4 Children, which will include the works realized by young participants in the 2024 awards.

The net funds raised by the book, which is offered to institutional entities, foundations, private companies, schools, etc are entirely dedicated in favor of children’s education in art and science in the selected beneficiary projects.

The past “Leonardo 4 Children” books are available for donors or sponsors to buy at the price respectively of € 10 per copy, including the editions 2020-23, and the book by GIUNTI which includes:

- a) “Fables of Leonardo da Vinci”, with the 12 fables selected in English, Italian and French, comic book illustrations of the children who won the relevant competition, 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 award.



10. Opportunities for partners and sponsors

The foundation invites organizations - such as institutional bodies, foundations, private companies, non-profit organizations - which want to support these objectives of solidarity and social responsibility to support any of the following activities:

a) **Talent development for children (6-12 years), and young people (13-18 years) and young music composers (16-30 years) winners of the "Leonardo 4 Children" awards**

The partner would support the “Talent Development” programme, dedicated to further encouraging and developing the education in the domains of “art” & “science” of the winners and finalists of the Leonardo 4 Children Awards in all its categories.

The partner/sponsor could offer a dedicated Talent Development prize to winners and finalists, in the form of a **grant** for talent development in art & science, or in the form of training activities, materials and special experiences, such as a visit to an art/music/science site, virtual or physical meeting with high-level personality or art/music/science expert, material or products related to art/music/science, a workshop on art/music/science, visibility for the winning works on website or publications.

The partner can appoint 1 person as observer in the Jury and will be **invited to offer their own “Talent Development” prize** at the annual event in Brussels: the “donors dinner”, and the public concert and Award Ceremony.

b) **Leonardo 4 Children" concerts and events**

Support to the organization of formative workshops and classical music events and concerts, of the initiative "Leonardo 4 Children" throughout the year, in various locations in Europe, including the annual Award Ceremony in Brussels.

The support is possible through sponsoring the event and covering part of the costs, by making a donation in exchange for a number of seats to the concert and/or to the gala “donors dinner” (which may well coincide with the moment when the donors award the “Talent Development” programme prize) and, of course, visibility on the official communication of the event.

In addition, the partner is invited to actively participate in the workshops, with an expert on specific topics of interest of the “Leonardo 4 Children” initiative.

Ad-hoc concerts and workshops may be organised in specific locations agreed with the partner, with the dual benefit of giving the partner additional visibility and action in its target-area, and expanding the knowledge of the “Leonardo 4 Children” Awards and initiative.

c) Books "Leonardo 4 Children"

Purchase of the "Leonardo 4 Children" book or coverage of the production costs of it, which are based on the contributions of the winners of the competitions, with the potential to develop a multimedia product including audio-visual elements and digital app (cost per each copy is estimated to be €3.5, assuming 1,000 copies). The book design takes place between mid June and end July, and copies could be available by September, pending agreement with the publishing company. The foundation has a non-exclusive license on the copyrights of the winners. This book will be distributed nationally and internationally and used for charitable fundraising on a non-profit basis with cost coverage. The books "Leonardo 4 Children" can be purchased at the price of 10/15€ at the following link <https://carano4children.org/product/book-leonardo-4-children/>.

d) Support to children in need

Support to children in need - orphans, refugees, hospitalized or children with disabilities - through donation of funds or material on art and science, creative or educational workshops for children and young people, coverage of the costs of educational modules on art and science, meetings with experts in the fields of art and science. For this purpose, beneficiary projects are selected through a public call for proposals.



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