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THE
GREATEST
THREAT
TO OUR
PLANET
IS THE
BELIEF
THAT
SOMEONE
ELSE WILL
SAVE IT

- ROBERT SWAN

2017 EVS project

**We are the
ones who
really care**

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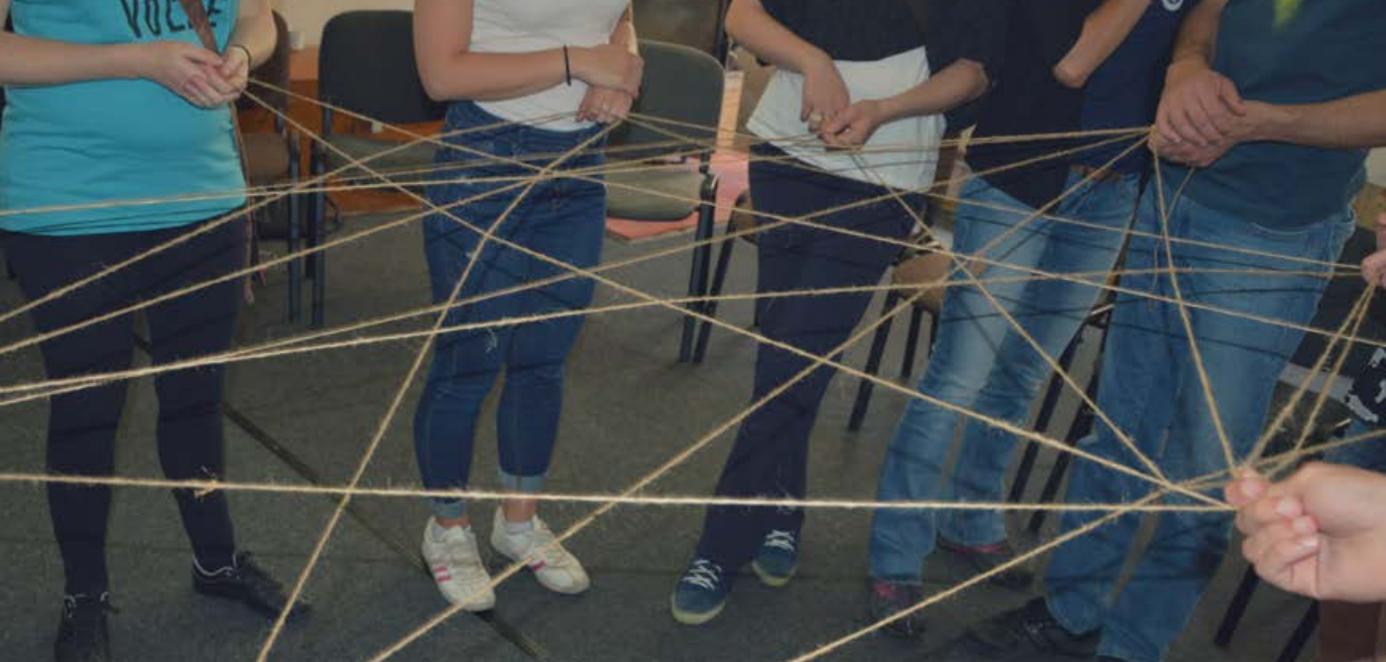


**WEB OF
LIFE**

A GAME TO UNDERSTAND
SUSTAINABILITY

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MATERIALS

- index card or pieces of paper;
- marker or pen;
- ball of twine or yarn;
- list of connection: energy, ocean, air, water, animals, rivers, human, resources, sun, insects, agriculture, land, rain, trees, seeds, algae, or others



STEPS

- 1** Sit in a circle. Each player should represent one element from the list of connection
- 2** The person with the water card (or human) starts the game by keeping one end of the yarn and then throwing the ball to someone else. He will try to explain how his element interacts with the one where he will throw the ball. Anyone in the group can help out.
- 3** The person who caught the ball holds onto the string and tosses the ball to a third person; and explain the connections between them

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The game continues until everyone has had a turn at catching the twine. Try to make as many connections as possible

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The coordinator starts to say the humans are producing more and more plastic. And then starting from the human the group has to break all the connections that will be affected by this and explain why. In case there are still connections left the coordinator can introduce more activities (increase of meat consumption, deforestation, increase of population, etc)

DEBRIEFING

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Some Questions

- What happens when we remove a link in the ecosystem?
- Can the system withstand the loss of these links?
- What will eventually happen to a system which becomes less and less complex? Why?

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Conclude with a short talk regarding the importance of our choices and the effects on the environment; regarding the importance of the reduction of consumption, sustainability, etc.