

# This week's story looks at events related to ...



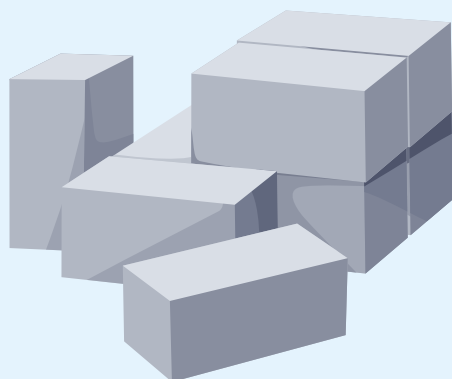


**How can people create hope  
during difficult times?**

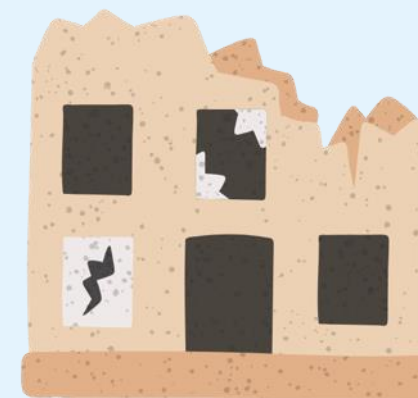


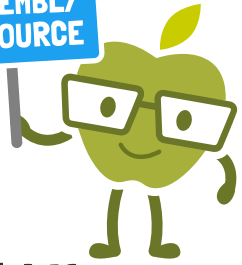
## Let's look at this week's story

Teenage sisters, Tala and Farah Mousa from Gaza, have created a project called Build Hope. They collect rubble from damaged buildings, crush it, and mix it with materials such as clay, ash, and straw to create new bricks to be used for rebuilding communities. The sisters developed the idea while living in a tent after their home was destroyed during the war in Gaza. Their venture won The Earth Prize, a global environmental competition for young people, for the Middle East region.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).





Read through the information below all about Tala and Farah's project. Share your thoughts on the venture and the impact it might have on their community.

## Build Hope

The project 'Build Hope' was created by two sisters from Gaza, Tala and Farah Mousa, aged 17 and 15. The sisters collect rubble from damaged buildings and turn it into bricks that can be reused. They crush the rubble and mix it with materials such as clay, ash and straw to create new building materials, with the aim of helping to rebuild damaged communities.



**Pictured:** Tala and Farah Mousa  
**Source:** The Earth Prize

### What's happening in Gaza?

The area of Gaza where the sisters live with their brother and parents has been affected by war and conflict in recent years. The family currently live together in a tent, as their home was damaged in the conflict. They hope to be able to rebuild their home soon.

### What competition did the project win?

The idea won the Middle East category of **The Earth Prize**, a global environmental competition for young people aged between 13 and 19.

The prize money was \$12,500 (around £10,000). The sisters plan to use the money for training to encourage and help others to use their method.

"Over the next year we hope the knowledge will spread among new communities, with more workshops, more blocks being produced... we have a big passion for this."

**Farah speaking about what they hope to achieve with the project.**



Look at the resource below, which shares information on some other entries to The Earth Prize.

### Fluoronet, Czechia

**Problem:** Lost fishing nets can harm ocean life.

**Idea:** Making fishing nets easier to find and remove.



### Plas-Stick, India

**Problem:** Tiny pieces of plastic in water.

**Idea:** Using powder made from waste tamarind seeds to help remove microplastics.



### HewaSafi Innovators, Kenya

**Problem:** Pollution from vehicle exhausts.

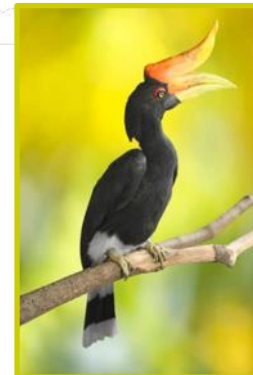
**Idea:** A low-cost filter using agricultural waste and algae.



### Homes for Hornbills, Thailand

**Problem:** Hornbill birds need safe nesting places.

**Idea:** Artificial nests made from recycled materials.



### WeaveLand, Philippines

**Problem:** Coconut husks are often thrown away.

**Idea:** Turning coconut fibre waste into reusable items.



# British Values



**I Really Do Matter!**



**Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?**



The story highlights **Individual Liberty** because the sisters made the choice to use their talents to change the world for the better.

The story highlights **Democracy** because the public gets to vote for the Global Winner of The Earth Prize, showing people that everyone has an equal say and that every single vote counts.



**Do you agree with either person, or think something different?**

# Protected Characteristics



Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



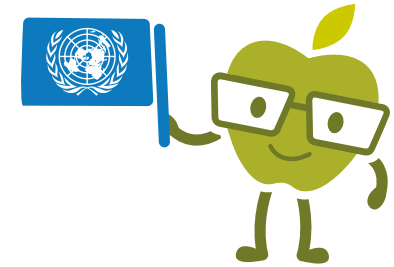
This story shows that anyone can be leaders in science and engineering regardless of their **sex**. Everyone can inspire others to take action and build solutions.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?





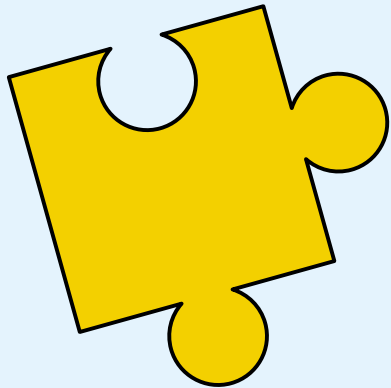
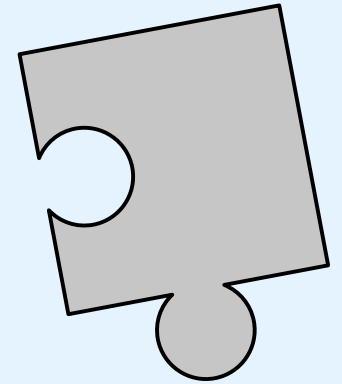
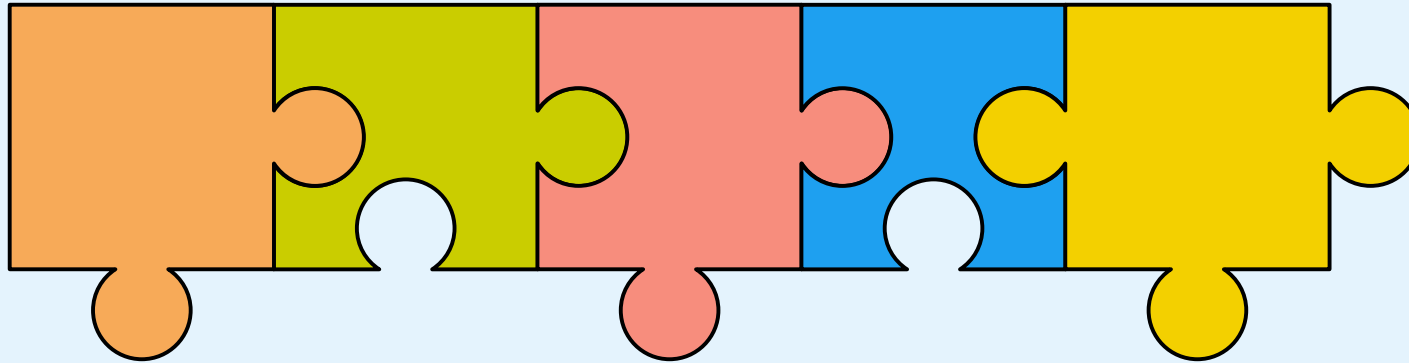
# UN Rights of the Child



No matter the challenge, every child deserves the chance to be safe, healthy, and happy again.



# Reflection



When we see damage or problems, we often notice what has been lost, but we can also look for hope and possibilities.

