Forth Road Bridge Unicycle Challenge

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Help Brianna plant a tree for every metre of the bridge!

On 16 June 2013 beginning at 10:30am, 10-year old Brianna will attempt to unicycle across the entire length of the Forth Road Bridge. For every metre of the bridge, in total around 2,500m, she is trying to raise €1, which will be used to plant one tree by the children's initiative Plant-for-the-Planet.

Brianna became a member of the global network of children, Plant-for-the-Planet, during the 3rd Academy to take place in Edinburgh, in April 2013.

At Sciennes Primary School, children from five different schools had come together to learn about the climate crisis. But rather than just listening and learning, the children are trained to become Climate Justice Ambassadors, to stand up for their future and become active themselves.

Some ambassadors decide to plant trees, some visit other schools and spread the world. Brianna decided she would like to unicycle across the Forth Road Bridge as a fundraising activity.

Find out more about her plans and help her to reach her goal on the Better Place website.

The Plant-for-the-Planet Children's Initiative began in January 2007, originating from a school report on the climate crisis by Felix Finkbeiner, then 9 years old. At the end of his presentation, Felix put forward the vision that children could plant one million trees in every country in the world to balance carbon emissions. In the years since, Plant-for-the-

Planet has evolved into a global movement with thousands of committed children across the world — world citizens committed to climate justice by achieving an overall reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and a unified distribution of these emissions among all of humankind.

Plant-for-the-Planet has had a democratic structure since March 2011. It has two elected Global Boards, one for children aged 8-14, and one for youth aged 15-21; each consists of 14 children with representatives from eight world regions.

Since taking over responsibility for the Billion Tree Campaign from UNEP in 2011, the children have set themselves a new goal of planting 1,000 billion trees worldwide by 2020. With such a giant CO2 storage facility, 10 billion tons of CO2 could be offset, buying us valuable time to permanently reduce our CO2 emission. We will meet our goal if every global citizen plants 150 trees. So far, over 12 billion trees have been planted across 193 countries. In the United Kingdom Plant-for-the-Planet collaborates closely with the Woodland Trust.

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