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Patch for Future is an initiative promoted by Symbola – Foundation for Italian qualities (www.symbola.net) in collaboration with the KIP International School (www.kipschool.org), sponsored by the Ministry of Education, University and Research, inspired by an insight of the international artist Howtan Re. The project also obtained the sponsorship of Expo 2015 and of the Ministry of the Environment and the Protection of Land and Sea.

Symbola is a foundation established in 2005 with the aim of promoting a new development model oriented to quality, combining tradition and local heritage, as well as technological innovation, research and design. In a word, *soft economy*: an economy based on quality, able to blend competitiveness and development of the human capital, economic growth and respect of the environment and human rights, productivity and social cohesion. An economic and social model for Italy to present to the world, taking advantage of what offered by Expo 2015.

KIP International School is an independent organisation that encourages collaboration between national, regional and local governments, the United Nations system, multilateral organisations, universities, foundations and other public and private organisations to promote knowledge, innovation, policies, intervention research studies and training in line with the objectives and the values of the United Nations' Millennium platform.

## PATCH FOR FUTURE IS THE WORLD WE WANT

The goal of *Patch for Future* is to make people familiar with issues that are vital for the Planet, like the importance of literacy, the protection of water and biodiversity, the fight against poverty, the diffusion of gender equality and the creation of international development partnerships. These decisive challenges for all the people of the Earth are part of the UN Millennium Development Goals and of the objectives of the post-2015 Agenda.

On these challenges the Symbola Foundation, the KIP International School and the Ministry of Education aim to engage the younger generations, the students of Italian schools able to spread the message to the rest of



society through the spirit of participation and the universal power of art.

The *Patch for Future* Project will take place in Italian schools and also in the KIP International School's Expo 2015 Pavilion named *Attractive Territories for a Sustainable World*. The international cooperation projects originating from *Patch for Future* will be carried out within the framework of the Global Fund for Territorial Development that the KIP School intends to launch after the end of the Expo.

How to participate? The more than 6 million students of Italian mandatory education schools can access the project and become an active part of it by registering with the website <a href="https://www.patchforfuture.com">www.patchforfuture.com</a>. They can express their idea of the future through dreams, projects and ambitions linked to the UN Millennium Goals, in the form of drawings, poems or phrases reproduced on 30x30cm patch of fabric.

Along with the students, Expo visitors will also be invited to create their own *patches* in dedicated corners of the KIP Pavilion. Information about the initiative to Italian schools will be conveyed by the Ministry of Education, University and Research.

## PATCH FOR FUTURE AT THE EXPO

The *Patch for Future* project also aims to have a future in international cooperation.

The six months of the Expo will offer the opportunity to promote the evolution of the project, which will live not only in schools but also in the KIP Pavilion, thanks to the participation of visitors from all over the world who will express on the *patches* their ideas for the future.

All the *patches* created will be posted on the website <u>www.patchforfuture.com</u>, where they promote the UN Millennium Goals and development projects achieved by KIP International School.

The *Patch for Future* project will culminate in the international Conference for the launch of the Global Fund for territorial development, organized by the KIP International School on 22, 23 and 24 October 2015.

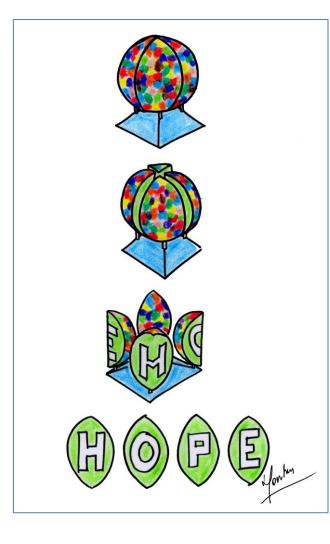


During the Conference, *The Globe* will be on display and awards will be presented to the 3 students who created the best *patches*.

## PATCH FOR FUTURE IS A WORK OF ARTIST HOWTAN RE

Each patch is a symbolic space. A selection of the patches created by Expo visitors will be used to compose a large artwork (*The Globe*) by international artist Howtan Re: a collective representation of the future we want for our Planet and its inhabitants. During the Expo, this work will be displayed in the space in front of the KIP Pavilion.

Because of its high representational value, the installation will be the symbol of the International Conference for the launch of the Global Fund for Territorial Development.



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