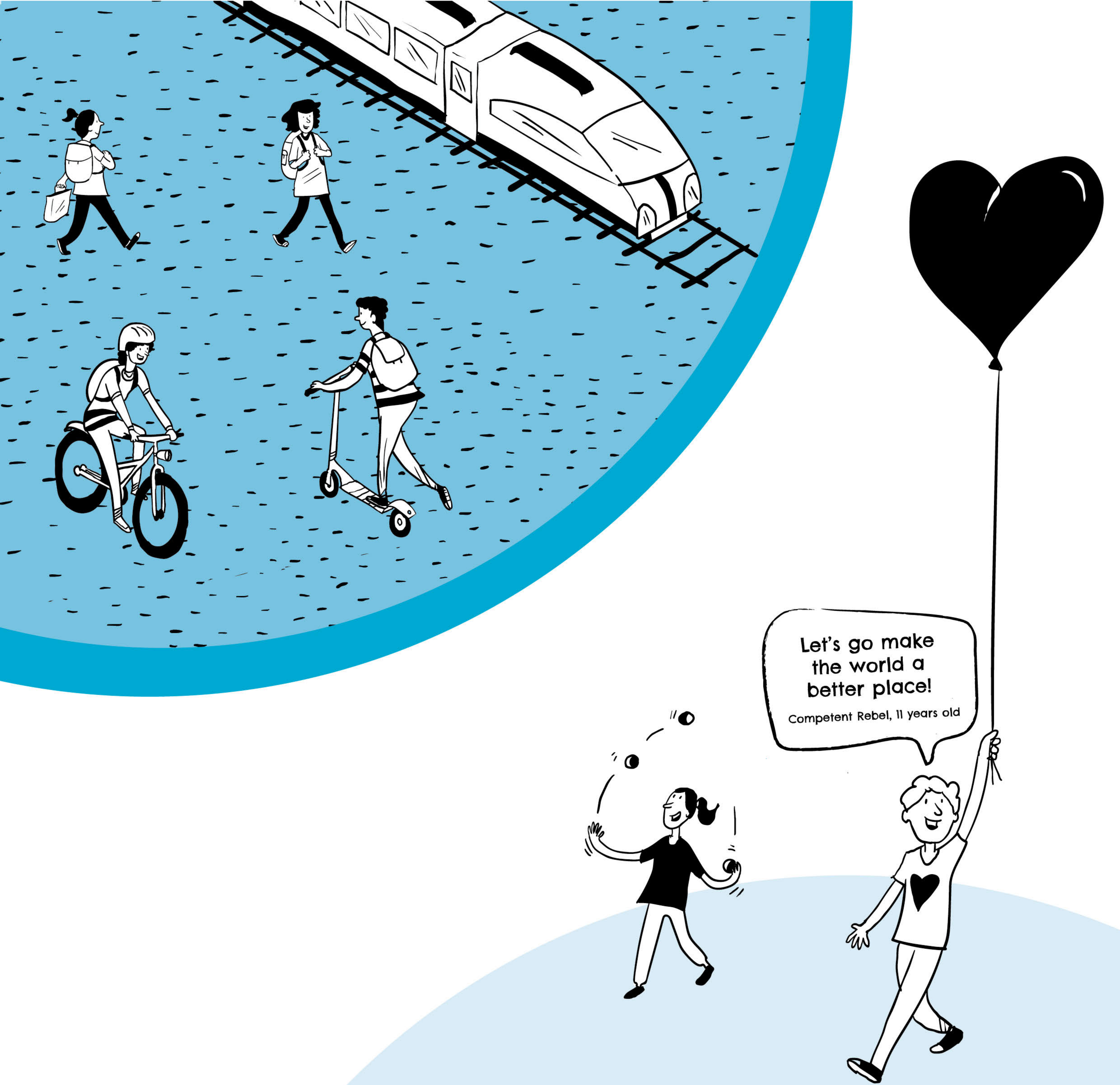




REPORT 2022/23

DOCK for change!

A project by the Vienna University Children's Office

DOCK for change



At *DOCK for Change*, children and young people are at the center.

Supported by actors from science and business, they explore ways to protect our planet and our future in the face of climate change.

DOCK for Change is funded by the Climate and Energy Fund and implemented as part of the first call for proposals Co-Creation Spaces Climate & Energy. It stands for the development of a new model of equal exchange of knowledge and experience on climate issues.

This three-year project combines climate education, democracy education, science communication, and entrepreneurship education, bringing together children, young people, students, educators, and encouragement partners from science and business. Young people gain insight into research and entrepreneurial practice, learn about innovative professional fields, and present their ideas and demands to decision-makers and politicians.

Future, here we come!

The 88 *Change Agents* of the 2022/23 school year are embarking on their mission. Among them are OVS Am Kaisermühlendamm, GTVS Alte Donau, GRG7 Kandlgasse, and MS Koppstraße 110/2.

The encouragement partners benefit from the imagination, enthusiasm, and drive of children and young people, making an important contribution to an intergenerationally just society.

A special role is played by students aged 8 to 15, who are newly nominated each year. As so-called *Change Agents*, they define the annual theme and take part in shaping the project's methods and formats. At the end of each school year, they present the collected ideas and findings of hundreds of children and young people at the *DOCK for Change* Conference.



The project takes its name from the *DOCK - Laboratory for Future Questions* on Vienna's Danube Canal, a space run by the Kinderbüro Universität Wien gmbH.

The Kinderbüro develops creative formats for dialogue and learning, bringing children and young people together with representatives from science, business, and politics.

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What should be the first annual theme of *DOCK for Change*? In autumn 2022, the Change Agents developed an inspiring vision for the future and defined the thematic focus of the project's first year.



Climate Education meets Democracy Education



The 2022/23 Annual Theme: We have a mission!

In the first step, the *Change Agents* collected 95 good ideas for a sustainable and climate-friendly future, which the artist Leopold Maurer transformed into a large illustrated vision of the future. It depicts a world without air pollution, with green buildings, smart recycling solutions, flying solar-powered cars, and plenty of space for people, animals, and plants.

With this vision in mind, the *Change Agents* were then tasked with defining the annual theme. They came together in the Sky Lounge of the University of Vienna, exchanged experiences and perspectives, examined arguments, and finally made a decision that was followed with great curiosity and anticipation by all involved.

“Clean on the move” was the thematic area that received the most support from the *Change Agents* of the 2022/23 school year. Mobility and energy would therefore be the focus of the first *DOCK for Change* year.

The transport sector is one of the main contributors to climate-damaging greenhouse gas emissions in Austria. Its share already exceeds 30 percent of total emissions and, unlike other sectors, continues to rise steadily.¹ The young *Change Agents* recognized this urgency, even though they clearly stated that they saw little scope for decision-making or action in matters of mobility.

How does a solar panel actually work? Who invented clean energy? Why does car exhaust smell so bad? Aren't electric cars harmful too? How can we make the world greener? And how long will it take until everyone understands that we should drive less?

Guided by these and other questions from the Change Agents, the project team began creating the educational formats.

¹ Climate Protection Report of the Environment Agency Austria, 2022



95 ideas for a better future became a shared vision.

The four thematic areas hidden within it were up for selection at the project's kick-off event.

Competent Rebels in Action

Mobility and energy – topics that were especially close to the hearts of the *Change Agents*, and where they saw a great need for action.

In future workshops for grades 3 to 8, children first explore their own habits and connections, while discovering new perspectives on mobility and energy. They examine technical, ecological, social, and urban-planning aspects, and discuss the basics of the climate crisis.

The second part focuses on building confidence in their skills and knowledge, and on spotting opportunities for climate-friendly action in everyday life. After the workshop, students embark on their own missions, equipped with tools to make their voices heard.

By the time the first *DOCK for Change* Report was published in June 2023, over 1,000 children and young people had taken part in workshops or explored the topic more deeply during the holiday program Change Factory. As *Competent Rebels*, they realized they can make a difference in climate protection and set things in motion.



This is how clean mobility works!

Thoughtful and competent, yet also bold, imaginative, and visionary, they tackled urgent climate issues and shared their insights and enthusiasm for climate-friendly mobility in schools, at home, and in public spaces.

From the most frequently mentioned goals and wishes of all *Competent Rebels* in the 2022/23 school year, the first *Competent Rebels* Manifesto was created. At the *DOCK for Change* Conference in June 2023, the *Change Agents* presented it to representatives from science, business, and politics: “We are saving the world! Are you in?”



Brand-new *Competent Rebels* with their demands at the end of a future workshop.

Join DOCK for Change!

As a student or teacher:
Take part in a future workshop with your class!

As a teacher in training:
Develop and test innovative climate education methods as part of the *Future Teachers Award*!

As an entrepreneur, scientist, or politician: Take the ten demands of the *Competent Rebels* seriously and help bring their vision of the future closer to reality! Become an encouragement partner or supporter of *DOCK for Change*.

Let the missions of the *Competent Rebels* inspire you ...
... and take action for a better future!

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and send photos to
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We'll spread your
messages!

Skateboard, subway, or jumbo jet—people are always on the move in many different ways. Different ways of getting around affect our climate and health in different ways. Burning lots of fuel to move just a few people is bad for the climate and also very expensive. Public transport is much better, and the best of all is if you use your own energy: welcome muscle power, the cleanest, cheapest, and healthiest engine of all!



Mission "Go Muscle!"

Reward people who travel clean!

"It makes you think
about what you want
for the future. So from
now on, I'll only travel
by bike."

Competent Rebel, 12 years old

1. Find someone you want to thank!

Is there someone in your family who likes to go by bike, scooter, tram, or bus? Do you have a friend who enjoys walking, running, or hopping around? Or maybe you want to reward a stranger on the subway?

2. Create a certificate!

Take a piece of paper—any size you like. Write down why the person deserves your "Travel Clean Certificate" and add a little drawing if you want. You can also download and print our template.

3. Present the certificate with ceremony!

Now comes a special moment: officially thank the person, hand over the certificate, and encourage them to keep traveling clean. A friendly handshake is, of course, a must!



GET YOUR
CERTIFICATE
TEMPLATE!



Did you know that trees are real magic machines? They take CO₂ out of the air and turn it into oxygen. That means they work with us to protect the climate and give us the fresh air we need to breathe. On top of that, trees store water, provide cool shade, and are an important home for many birds and insects. Good enough reason to protect these magic machines!

Mission "Go Green!"

"Trust me:
trees are more
interesting than
cars!"
Competent Rebel, 10 years old



Protect the trees!

1. Find your tree!

Choose a tree that you really like or that is important to you. It should not be too far from your home, so you can visit it again and again.



GET THE BOOKLET
FOR THIS MISSION!

2. Think about what you want to do for your tree!

Do you want to observe and study it? Water it and keep it free of trash? Tell others about your tree?

Write down the tasks you want to take on and how long your tree "guardianship" will last. If you like, you can also download and print our Tree Guardianship Booklet."



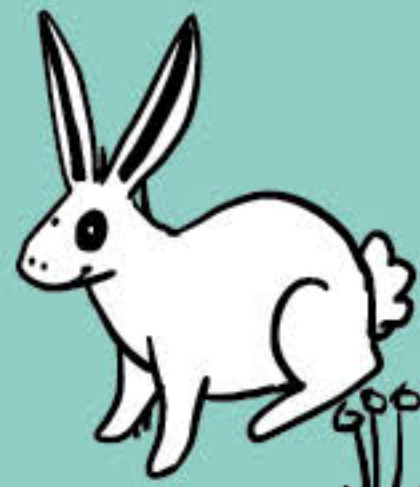
3. Mark your tree!

Make a tag out of paper or wood, or paint a stone and mark your tree.

Done! Now you are officially a tree guardian!

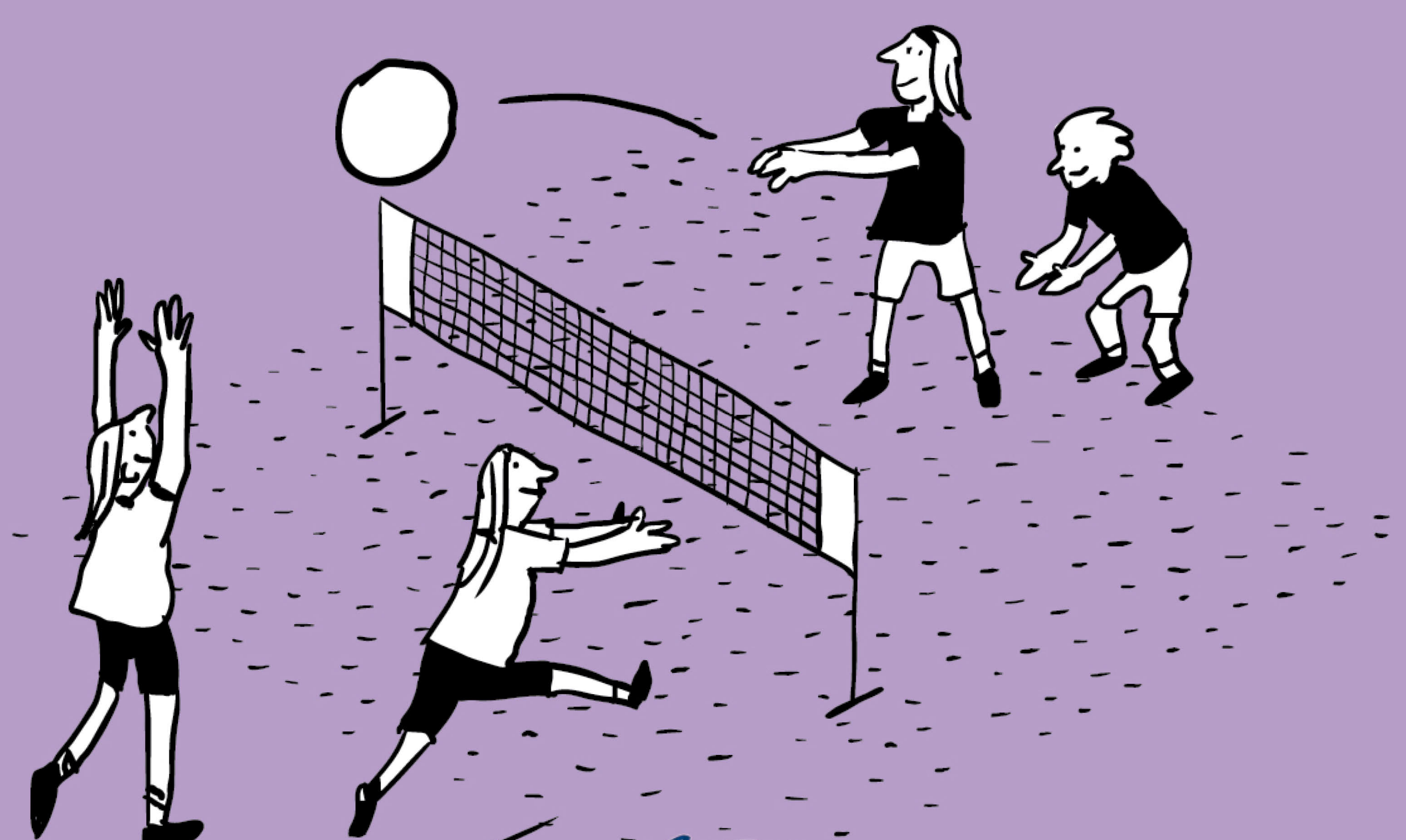


You might even be able to find your tree online in Vienna's tree register, where you can learn more about its species, age, and size. Over 200,000 trees are listed there.



Almost 70% of Vienna's traffic areas are reserved for moving and parked cars.² That's a lot of space that could be used differently: for chilling, swimming, or playing football, for example. Let your imagination run wild: What if cars were only used in emergencies and everyone else traveled by bike or public transport? How would it feel if the loudest sound in the city was birdsong? What dreams and ideas do you have for your city of the future?

² VCÖ – Mobility with a Future, 2023



"If cars spend 95% of their time parked, they should be called parkers, not cars."
Competent Rebel, 13 Jahre



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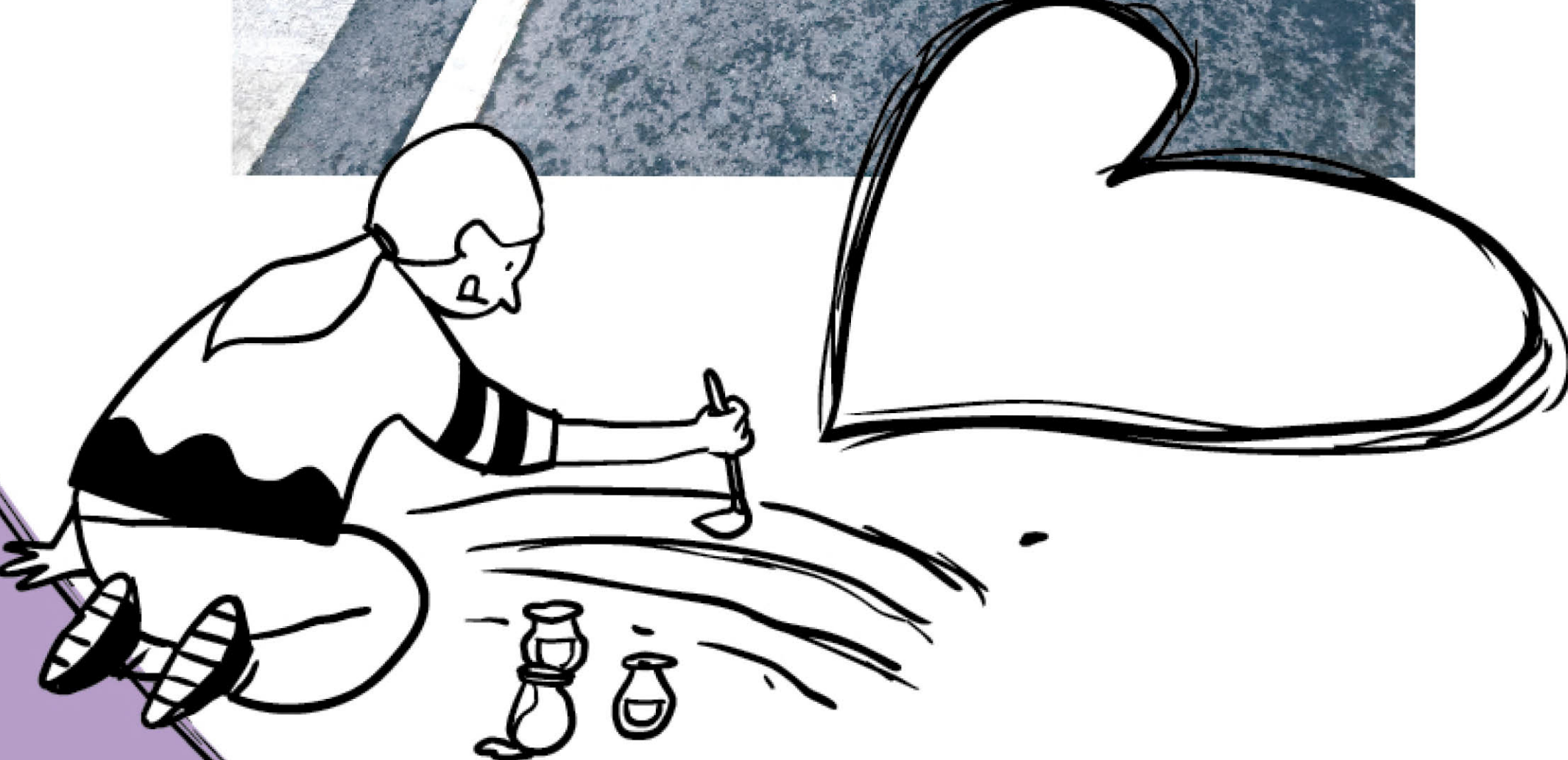
Mission "Go Space!"

Share your ideas, claim your space!

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Leave sidewalk messages!

Grab a piece of chalk and let others know what's missing in the city or what could be improved. Leave markings, messages, or drawings on sidewalks and make people think about your ideas!



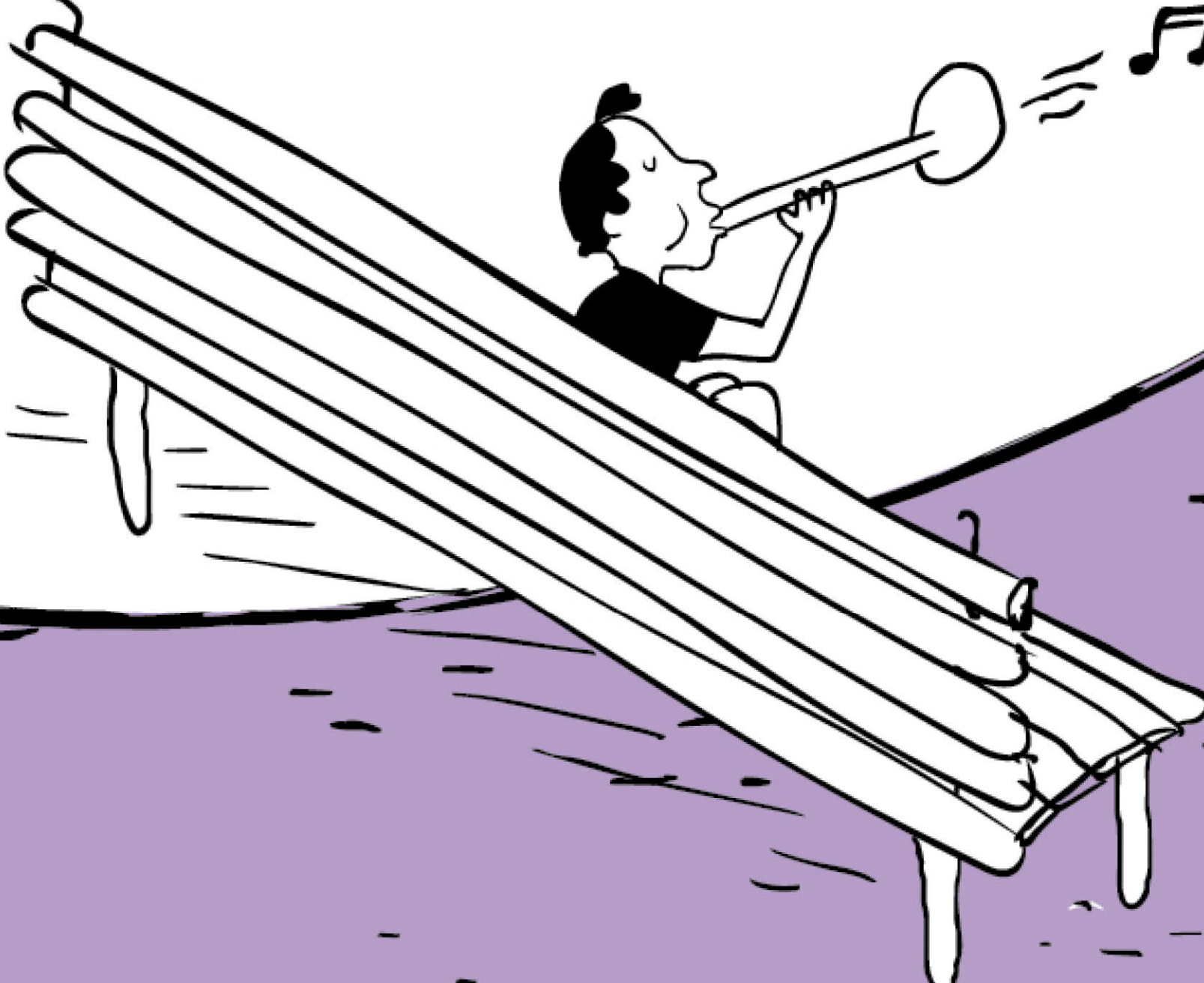
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Create future stickers!

Your ideas and demands for a better future want to be seen! Get some self-adhesive label paper, cut out small or large, square or round stickers, and write down what matters to you. Stick your messages on your phone, water bottle, or other everyday objects so that as many people as possible can see them.



Attention!
To make sure your message does the most good, don't write or draw on other people's property. Always prioritize your safety and use chalk only on sidewalks or pedestrian zones—not on the street.





Competent Rebels Manifesto

We, the Competent Rebels* 2022/23, demand:

1. More space to play!
2. Bring on the trees!
3. Less concrete, more wiggly earthworms!
4. Green streets to chill and chat!
5. Fewer parking spaces and less idle traffic!
6. Sun-powered cars!
7. Traffic lights that love bikes and feet!
8. All aboard the Train-tastic Future!
9. Listen up, adults! Let kids have a say!
10. Smile more, frown less!

To be continued!



* Over 1,000 children and young people aged 8 to 15 took part in *DOCK for Change* during the 2022/23 school year.