

FONDATION LASCAUX

"Little Suns united" an Painting Project with Children



"Little Suns united" is an international and inclusive project that connects children across cultures and borders – regardless of their origin, religion, or social background. At the heart of the project is creative expression, inspired by the sun as a symbol of life and connection.

Every year, the paintings created during the **"Little Suns"** workshops are brought together in an exhibition entitled **"Little Suns united"**, forming a monumental field of light – a symbol of hope and peace.

Since the project was launched in 2023, more than 800 children from around the world have already taken part. The project has been presented at Creaviva at the Zentrum Paul Klee in Bern, at Machteld Aardse Studio in Amsterdam, at Museum Rietberg in Zurich, and at Fondation Lascaux.

Project Objectives

- Visual artistic expression foster fine motor skills, perception, sensitivity, self-expression, and personal development.
- Strengthening a sense of community, cultural participation, and intercultural exchange.
- Raising awareness of the significance of light and colour as a unifying element in creative expression.
- Creating an inclusive space where individual talents can flourish and mutual appreciation can develop.



Sustainable Implementation

- Establishing an international network to promote and disseminate the project's inclusive and intercultural approach.
- Training facilitators to independently lead and conduct the workshops.

Local Engagement

- Conducting workshops, particularly in regions with limited financial resources, a lack of creative educational opportunities, or challenging social conditions.
- Further developing the collaboration established in 2024 with three schools in Limpopo, South Africa, as part of ecological and cultural education programmes.

For 2026, around 20 **"Little Suns"** workshops are planned in Switzerland, Amsterdam, Venice, Lebanon, and South Africa. The paintings created during these workshops will be presented together for the first time in the **"Little Suns united"** exhibition in Venice.

The **"Little Suns united"** exhibition will take place on December 4 and 5, 2026, at the **UNESCO Office in Venice** (Palazzo Zorzi, Castello 4930).



One of the two large suns in the "Smaragd" entrance pavilion at Museum Rietberg, 2025.

The project encourages children aged 2 to 12 to discover and develop their creative potential through free and playful painting. In an appreciative, non-judgmental environment free from performance pressure, children experience self-confidence, a sense of community, and empathy. At the same time, the project conveys the idea that each individual contribution is part of something greater.

Support the "Little Suns United" Project

The **"Little Suns"** workshops are largely organised on a voluntary basis. To cover the costs of:

- materials (paints, paper, and brushes)
- workshop facilitators
- venue rental
- organisation and coordination
- the annual exhibition

we rely on donations. A **"Little Suns"** workshop costs approximately CHF 950.-

Help make a **"Little Suns"** workshop possible for children – and create an impulse for peace. Through creative expression, children find their voice and grow into hopeful ambassadors for the future.

Your support sends a strong message of solidarity and social responsibility – across religious, cultural, and social backgrounds. By supporting the project, you become part of a network working together to create lasting positive change for children, their families, and our society. Thank you very much for your support!

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The Fondation Lascaux

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