

M9 URBAN LANDSCAPE CONTEST 2nd edition

On 25 September 2015, the United Nations adopted the Global Agenda for sustainable development, listing 17 goals to be achieved by 2030.

This was an historic development for a number of reasons:

- it clearly underlined the unsustainability of the current model of development, not only from an environmental perspective, but also in economic and social terms. This represented a new approach, which overcame once and for all the idea of sustainability as a purely environmental issue, and proposed an integrated vision of the different dimensions of development;*
- it called on all countries to contribute to forging a sustainable future for the planet, with no distinction between developed, emerging and developing countries, while recognising that different levels of development naturally entail different issues. Each country is therefore required to formulate its own sustainable development strategy to achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), periodically reporting on the results achieved in a process coordinated by the United Nations;*
- all areas of society have to be involved in implementing the Agenda, from businesses to the public sector, civil society, charities, universities, research centres, the media and the world of culture.*

The M9 urban renewal project launched by Fondazione di Venezia, through its managing company M9 District, set out to regenerate a hectare of land in the centre of Mestre, in line with the directives of the LEED Protocol on environmental sustainability, taking account of social, urban, architectural, economic and historical sustainability.

In response to the ERDF ROP 2014-2020 call for proposals for the Veneto region, M9 District has also established within the district the M-Children project, an interactive multimedia space designed for children aged 4 to 12.

The educational component of M-Children also includes the digital application M-Children Craft, based on the Microsoft teaching platform Minecraft Education Edition.

*In this second edition, the competition will also address the theme of **active citizenship**.*

Citizens have an important role in the building of a better and more democratic society.

The development of active citizenship and civic competences is an integral part of the new priorities for European cooperation in education and training, which underlines the role of education in the promotion of equality, of non-discrimination, of teaching fundamental values, inter-cultural skills and active citizenship.

The importance of education for all citizens has been frequently underlined in this country.

Following the very thorough consultation conducted by the Italian Ministry of Education on the occasion of the discussion of the 107/2015 law, it emerged that public opinion considered the most requested skill as that of the education of all citizens.

In article 7 of the law 107/2015, among the priorities of teaching objectives are:

- a) “development of **skills regarding active and democratic citizenship** through the promotion of intercultural education and peace, the respect for differences and dialogue between cultures, the encouragement of taking responsibility for solidarity and for the protection of the common good and of the awareness of rights and duties”;
- b) “development of responsible behaviour, with regard to knowledge and respect for the law, of environmental sustainability, of our countryside, of our cultural activity and heritage”.

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Regulations

What it is:

“M9 URBAN LANDSCAPE CONTEST” second edition, is a free competition organized by M9 District

Objective

Construct one or more buildings of public utility (social and/or cultural) for one’s neighbourhood bearing in mind the indications given in the “[Agenda 2030](#)” (which mentions themes of social inclusion, sustainability, accessibility etc.).

Model construction

The common starting point for all participants is the “empty world” supplied by Minecraft that they will use to construct their buildings. This Minecraft world will be shared to participants on November 25th 2019.

Subject area

Active citizenship

Topic

The contest can be seen as a “pretext” for applying constructive criticism of the existing policies of your local authority.

Method

Four guidelines we suggest you keep in mind when planning your project:

Definition of the problem: (in the specific context of the contest) analysis of the territory. You can use interviews, surveys, data collection etc..

Creating ideas: make a list of possible solutions, make comparisons, look for innovative solutions which are suitable for the specific context.

Procedure:

Phase 1= having chosen the most suitable solution, you start the project by using a paper prototype.

Phase 2 = Transform the prototype into Minecraft Education Edition

Launch: once the product/object has taken form, it is ready to be applied to the original problem. For example, in this contest, it will be evaluated by a jury but could also be presented to the local council or community centre.

Criteria for participation

Classes intending to participate should enroll by completing the on-line application form at our partner's website:

www.makercamp.it/2contestM9

Deadline

All projects (Minecraft world + report) must be submitted by 15th May 2020, by uploading files from the relevant page on the website. Any projects submitted after this date will not be accepted. The web address to use for uploading the project and report will be sent via e-mail and telegram group to all classes that participate in the contest.

How many projects can be presented

One project (Minecraft world + report) per class will be accepted. If a class presents more than one project, only the last project submitted will be considered.

Evaluation criteria for projects

The projects of all classes will be compared on an evaluation system that attributes points according to criteria that are pre-defined by a jury of experts. The evaluation will take into account the following criteria:

- *Coherence of the proposal with the subject of the contest and of the strategy of the development of "agenda 2030": energy-saving, safety, accessibility, environmental sustainability...*
- *the promotion of teamwork, of positive debate between equals, of the importance of agreement and in general, the effectiveness of a well thought-out and well-planned project.*

Prizes

The winner will be announced by the end of May and the prizes will be awarded in the first week of June. M9 District will provide accommodation and breakfast for three nights in Venice (Italy) for the winner school class and two teachers in the period between June, 1 and December, 31 2020. Winner is asked to join a Skype call 9 June 2020 with the Museum M9.

Technical support

For further information and clarification, it will be possible to contact Michela Deriu by e-mail - michela.deri@makercamp.it throughout the whole duration of the competition.

Declarations and guarantees given by participants

Each school that participates in the contest declares acceptance of the regulations by enrolling for the competition. They also guarantee the following:

- (1) The project is a new project;*
- (2) The project does not contain images, works, material of any nature that are the property of third parties. That none of the contents are of an obscene, violent, blasphemous, defamatory nature or of a disturbing nature to children or in violation of the rights of third parties whether personal or regarding their property, as foreseen by the law;*



(3) to have obtained permission from the subjects that appear in the project for its presentation and publication;

(4) to have obtained permission from subjects who have given vocal presentations within the project for their vocal presentation to be made public;

(5) to have obtained all the necessary authorisation for participation in the contest from the parents of under-age children;

(6) The use and the transmission, by whichever means, of this project does not violate rights of third parties.

The school undertakes to ensure that the organisers are exempt from any involvement in any actions or demands by third parties for any damages or other that might be the result of the non-conformity of the declaration and/or guarantees or of their incompleteness.

The information gathered will not be given to third parties and will be used exclusively for the contest, including its promotion through its website and social media networks.

M9District has the right to use the worlds created for promotional reasons and during didactic laboratories.