



How to organise an ecological brigade

The first step is to organise brigades in classrooms and schools. Make affinity groups of six to eight children in each class, trying to ensure there are as many girls as there are boys.

Each group prepares a presentation they will use at the beginning of each activity that includes:

- **Name of the group:** Choose something from nature, like an animal, to be the name of the group.
- **Group motto:** Analyse the role this animal plays in nature and connect it to the activity of the ecological brigade. From this information create a motto that represents the group.
- **Sound and movement:** Have the group imitate the sound and movement of the animal.
- **Drawing that represents the group:** Have the group draw a picture that illustrates the group.



Communities and ecological brigades

Brigades educate the community on issues such as health, environment, and proper use of resources such as water, firewood, trees and garbage. They conduct:

- **House-to-house visits:** to raise awareness on the importance of keeping yards clean and correct drinking water management to avoid the spread of diseases, using the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- **Community workdays:** on reforestation, cleaning up litter, and raising awareness on waste management.
- **Workshops:** on the importance of a healthy diet and implementing agroecology through family or school vegetable gardens.
- **Contests:** to motivate children to take care of the environment and natural resources, and represent this in drawings or handicrafts.
- **Ecological brigade exchanges:** to share lessons learned. At the end of the school year all the participating schools' ecological brigades get together for a community exchange. This includes an exhibit fair of the different agroecological practices that farmers have implemented.



Our dream is that our community will be clean, that no one will litter, and that every day it will be more beautiful.

