

Sowing Seeds of Peace

There is a profound link between environmental issues and conflict. Climate change affects the poorest most deeply, increases inequality and the chances of conflict and war over resources. Here we see how working for peace demands working for environmental justice.

Prepare The activity card *Joined-Up Thinking* is a useful introduction to this reflection on environmental justice. With time, both may be combined for a richer session.

Watch the story of Wangari Maathai and The Green Belt Movement:

<http://youtu.be/BQU7JOxkGvo>

Think What problems does neglect of the environment lead to that might make conflict more likely?

Do you see this happening in your own school or neighbourhood?

Read the following quotes. How do they encourage us to live in relation to the environment?

Reflect *'What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God?'* (Micah 6: 8)

'To sow peace; protect creation.' (Pope Benedict XVI)

How can I make a difference? Be like the hummingbird:

<http://youtu.be/IGMW6YWjMxw>

Act Wangari Maathai *thought globally and acted locally*. What can you do in your day-to-day life to help protect the environment?

For more information see www.greenbeltmovement.org