



**Children for
the Oceans**

NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN FOR THE OCEANS

Oceans news

2020 is a crucial year for oceans as it is the last year for the preparatory phase before the beginning of the United Nations Decade for the Oceans.

Launch of the All-Atlantic Youth Ambassadors forum

During the All Atlantic forum in February in Brussels, the All-Atlantic Youth Ambassadors forum was launched. They are 23 young ambassadors all over the Atlantic who take actions to protect our ocean.

Subsidence of the ocean floor

A recent study showed that the ocean floor is collapsing slowly, lowering sea level of 0,11 millimetres each year... which will not be enough to compensate the rise of 3,11 millimetres each year of the sea level.



February's actions

UN Ocean Conference Preparatory Meeting, New-York

On the 5th of February, CFTO went to the preparatory meeting in New York for 2020 UN Oceans Conference which will take place in June. It will be the beginning of the Decade for the Oceans for the United Nations. Thomas delivered a speech about the necessity to involve the civil society in ocean protection and therefore the sensibilisation of children.

He declared : « Spreading knowledge is one thing, and we all agree on the fact that science and innovation should be developed, but we yet have solutions and we already identified problems. In this context, we need strong politic commitments and pragmatic actions to save the ocean. Time for us to act is right now ! »



Micro-plastics and fast-fashion

Around 80% of wastes we found in the oceans are made of plastic ! Yet, each time we use our washing-machine, millions of micro-plastics are rejected in evacuation systems... and then to the oceans.

A few simple habits to implement in your daily life to reduce this impact :

- reduce our clothes consumption
- less wash our clothes
- wash it at 30°C

«Fun fact»

Our environment is full of micro-plastics : in water, in the air, in food... This lead us to eat the equivalent of one credit card each week !

All-Atlantic Forum, Brussels

On the 7th of February, CFTO was present at the All-Atlantic Forum in Brussels at the European Commission. The Forum was a high level international conference which gathered politics, scientists and NGO's representatives to implement new ambitious politics and a strategy to protect our oceans.

During his speech, Thomas put emphasis on the importance to create bridges between scientific innovation and education in order to rise the level of awareness of children who are the decisions-makers of tomorrow.



Next month :

In March, efforts will be put on the organisation of several sensibilisation sessions all over the world, led by the ten ambassadors of Children for the Oceans. The NGO sets as an ambitious goal to sensibilise 500 children before the UN Conference of Lisbonne in June.