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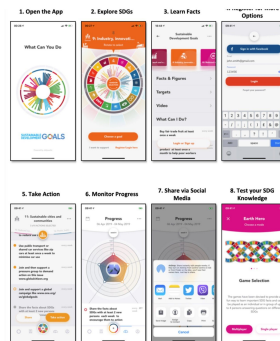
We hope you enjoy reading the latest update on SDGs. Each week we give you a selection of *shocking facts as used in the original development of the SDGs* to share with family & friends, encouraging them to become more active and to join our community to “Save our World”!

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“There is no fundamental difference between man and animals in their ability to feel pleasure and pain, happiness, and misery.” – Charles Darwin.

This feels like a fitting way to open up today’s blog, Charles Darwin, scientist behind the knowledge of evolution. The other day I was thinking about the meaning of evolution... to evolve, to develop and survive. The process that connects us to all other living species that adapt to their environment, to use a Darwinian example, the ground finches on the Galapagos Islands that developed smaller beaks to eat smaller nuts so they could avoid invasion from other birds eating their food.”

**Source:**

<https://whatcanyoudo.earth/tellus-blog/veganism-the-next-stage-in-human-revolution/>

# Interesting topics

- Our Planet is having its second - warmest year on record in 2019. Find out more via the [link](#).
- 10 barriers to Education around the world. Follow the [link](#) to learn more.
- US Air Pollution is getting worse under Trump, [new study finds](#).
- Amazon Rainforest could be two years from irreversible “tipping point”. Read more [here](#).
- UNICEF: 1 in 10 children still without education. Read more [here](#).
- More heart attacks and strokes on high pollution days in England, [research finds](#).
- Los Angeles is building a road from recycled plastic bottles. Read more [here](#).
- Renewable energy to expand by 50% in the next five years. Find out more via the [link](#).
- Filtered cigarettes are one of the worst types of pollution and we should ban them, [Experts argue](#).
- Scientists show how fossil fuel industry deceived the public about the climate crisis. Read [here](#).
- UN Scientists: we could pause global warming with \$300 billion. Read more via the [link](#).
- Miami beach declares climate emergency inspired by youth action. Click [here](#) to read more.
- Fracking Study shows toxic chemical exposure 2000 feet from drilling sites. Read more [here](#).
- Almost all 10-year-olds in world’s poorest countries struggle to read. Find out more [here](#).
- Making dreams come true in the Philippines with the secondary education support program. Learn more via the [link](#).

# Inspiration of the Week

## Portland is first city in Maine to ban plastic straws, stirrers and splash sticks.

“After a local 2nd grade student successfully petitioned the Portland City Council in 2018 to mitigate plastic straw use in city-owned buildings, the Maine Chapter took it to the next level with Council interest to pass a citywide ordinance becoming the first municipality in Maine to ban single-use plastic straws, stirrers and splash sticks.

The proposed ordinance was strong, seeking to ban the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws and institute an ask-first policy for straws composed of natural fibers (bamboo, hay, cardboard, etc). Through deliberations, however, the initial exemption for schools was removed and a phase-in approach added to allow for a transition period.”

**Source:**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/portland-maine-bans-plastics-2641089338.html>

# Facts of the week

*( Please share these facts with friends, family and work colleagues and encourage them to join our community and help create a safer, fairer world for all)*



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