



## Welcome to the Story of the 8 Friends

In a beautiful place on Earth, there is a village with 8 playful Friends. These Friends love to spend their days exploring, playing, learning, and having fun.

Let's meet our Friends: Tinka is turquoise, Olly is orange, Danni is dark blue, Ginny is green, Yara is yellow, Lumi is light blue, Petra is purple, and Rumi is pink.

They will guide you through the course Sustainability from the Start. Sustainability from the Start is exclusively available via the app ECE Academy ([AppStore](#) and [Google Play](#)). Let's go!





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Let's meet our Friends: Tinka, Olly, Danni, Ginny, Yara, Lumi, Petra, and Rumi. The 8 Friends ask: "Can you see us up in the picture above?"

Each Friend is interested in something special. They love to share these interests, both with each other and with you.

Today, we play with Tinka. Tinka is interested in and cares a lot about the Earth. Tinka inspires the Friends to see the beauty in every leaf and listen to the sound of every raindrop, to appreciate the Earth's richness and the coolness of the breeze.

Now, Tinka is ready to invite you to the activity "Love for Earth". Are you ready for an adventure with the 8 Friends? Come on, let's go!

*Tinka, activity "Tinka's Love for Earth", module 1, Sustainability from the Start, app: ECE Academy*



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It's time to get to know another of the 8 Friends. Do you remember Olly? Olly is the one in bright orange color! And Olly is excited to show us something new today.

Olly loves being outside, enjoying the sun, the grass, the trees, and even the rain. Every time Olly goes outside, there is something new and fun to discover. It can be a small or big adventure.

Now Olly wonders: "Do you like to explore Nature?"

When the 8 Friends go outside, they see many things. They see leaves of different shapes, birds of all colors, and tiny bugs on the ground. Olly tells them stories about every little thing they find.

Today, Olly wants to show you all the fun things in Nature. Are you ready? Let's go on an adventure with the 8 Friends and see what we can find!



**Olly**

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**Danni**

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Hello again, young explorer! Today we are going to meet Danni!

The 8 Friends are all about sharing, caring, and having a good time together. Danni thinks: "Isn't it wonderful how we're all different and special?"

The 8 Friends likes to come together and share stories of far-off places and close-to-home tales. They learn about different songs, dances, and tasty treats from all around the world. Danni loves to remind them, and now you, about the beauty of every culture.

Today, Danni is curious to know: "Do you have a favourite song or dance you like?"

Danni is ready to invite you on a journey, a journey that will take you across cultures and around the world, right from where you are. So, are you ready to join the 8 Friends on this amazing cultural adventure?



**Danni**

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**Ginny**  
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The 8 Friends here again! Can you guess who's up next? It's Ginny, our Friend in green.

Ginny has a special interest in economics. Ginny wonders: “What comes to mind when you hear the word economics?” This is a word that might sound big but is really about something we all experience - how things are made, sold, and bought in the world.

Ginny loves to think about how we use things, and how we can use and share our things in a better way. Ginny has set up a special shop in the village. In Ginny's shop, the Friends can bring something they don't use anymore and trade it for something else. This way, things get to be used more and don't go to waste.

Ginny's shop isn't just a place for trading, it's a place for learning, for understanding the value of what we have, and for reducing waste. Through Ginny's shop, the 8 Friends learn the importance of reusing, redistributing, and recycling, just as Ginny does.

Now, Ginny can't wait to share this with you and invite you to Ginny's Zero Waste Activity. Are you ready to join the 8 Friends?





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Guess who is back with another exciting adventure? It's Yara, who wants to teach us something super special - how to care for our beautiful planet Earth.

Our Earth is like a big puzzle where every piece is important, from the tallest trees to the tiniest ants. And we, including you and me, are also important pieces of this puzzle.

Today, Yara is keen to explore something that's everywhere but also quite magical - water! Yara loves rivers, rain, and even the water we drink from our taps. Now Yara wonders: "Did you know that our water is so old it was around when dinosaurs roamed Earth? It's true! And that very same water will be here for our grandchildren too."

Yara wants to help us understand this awesome water cycle and why we should use water carefully. It's an important part of our mysterious Earth!

Are you ready for an adventure? Yara invites you to a Holistic Water Exploration! Let's dive into the amazing world of water with the 8 Friends.



**Yara**

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**Lumi**  
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Time to embark on a new journey with the 8 Friends. Who's ready to welcome you next? It's Lumi, our friend who wants to be part of the world!

Lumi is all about friendship, kindness, and being kind to the world. Now Lumi wonders: "What do you think makes a good friend?"

Lumi is the friend who will cheer you up when you're feeling blue, help you find your lost toy, and listen when you have a story to tell. Just like Lumi is a good friend to those around, Lumi wants to be a good friend to the world, treating everyone kindly and taking care of Nature.

Lumi loves to take the 8 Friends on exciting adventures. Each adventure is a chance to discover new things, learn about different people and places, understand how important it is to look after our planet, and figure out how to be better friends here on Earth.

Now, Lumi can't wait to share this colourful world with you. Lumi's excited to invite you to join the 8 Friends on their incredible journey through Lumi's Colourful World. Let's start this vibrant adventure!





**Petra**

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Who's the next friend eager to get to know you? It's Petra, our friend who values teamwork, collaborations, and partnerships above all. Petra teaches us that shared goals are easier to achieve when we work together.

Now Petra wonders: “What do you think collaborating mean? “How do you feel working together and collaborating? Is it easy or challenging? If we find it difficult, how do we solve it?” Petra loves hearing different perspectives on this, knowing everyone has unique insights to offer.

As we prepare to embark on this next adventure, Petra can't wait to welcome you into this vibrant community. Petra invites you to join Petra's Global Friendship Quest.

Are you ready to join the 8 Friends, forming friendships and partnerships around the world? Let's embark on this collaborative adventure!



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Our adventure now reaches its final chapter. It's time to meet Rumi, a friend full of drive and passion for change.

Rumi has a question for all of you: “Have you done something during this course that can be good for the Earth and lead to something bigger?”

Perhaps you’ve connected more deeply with Nature, learnt about various cultures, reduced waste, or taken steps to conserve water. Or maybe you’ve worked together with a friend on a project or collaborated with a Child from another ECEC setting. If so, you're already a change maker like us, the 8 Friends!

Rumi often calls upon the 8 Friends to join together for projects. Be it a Nature adventure with Olly, a trade day at Ginny's shop, or a multicultural festival coordinated with Danni, Rumi inspires the Friends to contribute their unique skills and passions to every task.

Just as the 8 Friends unite to create positive changes, Rumi wants you to realise that you can be the change you wish to see in the world.

Now, it's your turn to join the 8 Friends in making a difference! Welcome to Rumi’s Nurturing our Handprints.

As our final activity concludes, Tinka, Olly, Danni, Ginny, Yara, Lumi, Petra, and Rumi want to remind you of the power of teamwork: "Together, friends can achieve anything! Until our next adventure! Now, let's embark on Rumi’s Nurturing our Handprints!”

*Rumi, activity “Rumi’s Nurturing our Handprints”, module 8, Sustainability from the Start, app: ECE Academy*



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