

NO WATER NO LIFE

At school we have recently had the precious opportunity to think over the importance of water in every human being's life. Some weeks ago, we met some volunteers from the "PIME" association who made us realize the great value of this precious "COMMON WEALTH".

They proposed us some role-plays, videos, games and leaflets useful to understand how lucky we are because we can use easily this "COMMON GIFT" just because we live in the countries located in the northern part of the Earth.

If we make a comparison between our European nations and other African countries, we realise that we simply have to turn a tap on and we have at our disposal all the water we need without worrying about wasting it, even unconsciously.

On the contrary, there are peoples who must run along lots of kilometres to reach the sources of this "BLUE GOLD" and, if we want better understand the differences in the availability of water, we simply have to think that an African family can only use 20 litres every day in contrast with a typical Italian family who can afford 237 litres daily.

At the end of our meetings, we learnt that WATER IS LIFE and just because of this reason everybody should enjoy it as an unalienable right that none can deny to anyone else.

So water can't become a private wealth submitted to market laws. That's why we mustn't allow this precious fluid to become an economic source of wealth for few people because if we are obliged to pay for it and to buy it from other countries, it means that we are obliged to pay a tax to live.

That's really incredible!

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