



## GRADES 6-8

## ACTIVITY 4 STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

**Part 1.** The message of *Planet Power*, and the mission of Solar Impulse 2, is to inspire individuals, communities, businesses, and governments to take action to reduce the impact of climate change on the environment. In December 2015, at the request of his country's president, Bertrand Piccard prepared the following "7 Principles for Solving Climate Change" for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21:

1. Highlight the solutions instead of the problems.
2. Stop threatening human mobility, comfort, and economic development in order to protect nature.
3. Speak of profitable investments instead of expensive costs.
4. Offer both rich and poor countries a share in the returns on investment.
5. Refrain from setting goals without demonstrating how to reach them.
6. Combine regulations with private initiative.
7. Act in the interest of today's generation and not only for future generations.<sup>1</sup>

Discuss the following questions with your class or team. Review your map of Solar Impulse 2's flight as a guide.

- How do you think the flight of Solar Impulse 2 achieved each of Bertrand Piccard's 7 Principles?
- The success of Solar Impulse 2 depended on cooperation between governments, scientists, and partners from across the world. Why do you think it's important that efforts to protect the environment are shaped as a global effort?
- Choose one country on Solar Impulse 2's flight path. What is this country doing to reduce the impact of greenhouse gases on climate change?

**Part 2.** Change can start at any level, from international agencies to individual families. Now it's your turn! Following in the spirit of Solar Impulse 2, work with your class to plan a community walkathon or other event to raise awareness of the need to develop sustainable sources of power. Make it a great adventure that builds cooperation and gives people of all ages a chance to get exercise. You might even use your event to raise money to support a school project that helps your local environment or saves energy in your school's building!

<sup>1</sup>See <https://www.solarimpulse.com/vision/7-principles-for-solving-climate-change>.



Use this checklist as a guide to get started. Your teacher will divide you into teams to coordinate each planning area.

## CHECKLIST

- Mission Statement and Fact Sheet
- Scheduling of the event
- Permits and outreach to local officials
- Permission slips for students who choose to participate
- Outreach to potential sponsors and media
- Phone lists created for each buddy group
- Walkathon pledge sheets and collection system
- T-shirts for walkers and any other "swag"

**Part 3.** Working in teams, design a multimedia campaign to advertize your walkathon and educate your community about renewable energy.

