

## FOR TEACHERS & EDUCATORS

### ***I'm Only a Child, but...* Giving the 1992 UN Earth Summit Speech by ECO to the Next Generation!**

#### **Video Project – Technical Guidelines**

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Teachers and Educators, thank you for your continued interest in this speech. We are thrilled about the opportunity to continue this video project with you and your students. We invite teachers to work with their students by taking the [template](#) of the old Rio Speech and make it your own.

We have 2 suggestions for ways for you and your students to participate in this continued project:

1. **NON-PUBLIC** – Most schools and organizations require specific permissions to allow students and youth to post school content on the internet. For those groups who prefer not to have to obtain parental permissions, and do not wish to have their projects posted on the internet, we suggest organizing your own “private” project which isn’t shared with the public or posted online.

Teachers assist students with filming themselves and/or groups of students giving the speech. They can even create a speech compilation if they wish. Students and teachers can then arrange a screening in their classroom or at their school. This is a fun project where students can recite the whole speech, or choose their favourite parts, and practice their public speaking, critical thinking, speech writing and most importantly empower them to speak truth to power.

2. **PUBLIC** – Teachers and parents can work together to join our online project. We hope to expand our “global classroom” and empower youth in schools all over the world by providing a platform for sharing new versions of the speech. Participating parents and guardians will [complete/sign a release form](#) to allow the teachers and/or students to post video submissions on our YouTube channel [I'm Only a Child, but...](#)

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Students and teachers would then send us the video file, and we will upload it to our YouTube channel [I'm Only a Child, but...](#)

To submit, simply save the file in Severn’s Assistant, Susan Johnston’s [Dropbox folder](#), using the following file-naming convention: “*Last name, First name\_I'mOnlyAChild\_YYYYMMDD*”. Most people will “choose from computer” for their video upload, unless you already saved the file in your own Dropbox folder.

Then, after uploading your video to Susan’s Dropbox, teachers (only) please email Susan at [SevernRio1992NextGen@gmail.com](mailto:SevernRio1992NextGen@gmail.com) to let her know that you’ve submitted your video.

## **Technical Guidelines:**

To help with your submission, we developed the following list of technical guidelines. Please follow them carefully – they will help you produce a top-notch video.

### **Before filming:**

- Review the speech transcript in full. You will notice that some passages are customizable (see yellow highlights). Feel free to adapt those sections to include details from your own life!
- To avoid reading from paper for the duration of the speech, ask a guardian / friend to help you by acting as your very own “human teleprompter.” To do this, print out the speech on large sheets of paper – with large font – and have your helper “scroll” the sheet(s) so that the line you are reading is as close to camera / eye level as possible.

### **During filming:**

- Shoot (and hold the camera) horizontally (or, “landscape” mode). This is very important!
- Good audio is essential. Try and find a quiet space to film, and stand as close as possible to the camera.
- Keep the camera as still as possible. Use a tripod if you have one, or balance the camera on a sturdy surface (table, chair, countertop, etc.) for the duration of the shoot.
- Consider lighting. Is your shot too bright or too dark? Try a test version to be sure.

Thank you for participating in this exciting commemorative project.  
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