

**February 2015**

## A Key Year for Development?



2015 is the European Development Year. It is the first time that a European Year focuses on the international development policy of the European Union.

It might be an important year in this sense, given that:

- The time given for the Millenium Development Objectives finishes;
- The international community should agree upon new ways to eradicate poverty, promote sustainable development and address climatic change.

We hope that the European Development Year achieves its goal and involves EU citizenry in the debate on the building of a more responsible world regarding people and the environment.

The success of this energy generated by the Year will be in citizen participation, in the political impact of organizations and in commitments made by different governments.

<http://europa.eu/eyd2015/es>



**Año Europeo del Desarrollo**

# Living on *prosocial*

ATTITUDES REQUIRED TO LIVE A LIFE IN SOLIDARITY

## Living *prosocially* involves optimism:

We can only truly show solidarity with the rest of the people if we are **optimists**.

The first step on the path to helping other people is **thinking that the situation is going to get better, that it can change**.

The prosocial person trusts that it is possible to change things. They are people who have an **optimistic and hopeful** view of life and don't resign themselves to pessimist viewpoints or paralyzing outlooks.

To live in prosocially is to live open to a hopeful horizon of change, of improving the situation for all people. It is **breaking with conformity and the defense of the status quo**.

# Resources

## Short film: *SOUL*

This short film invites us to **reflect** upon the facility with which people are held captive by objects, especially in those which we believe reflect our identity.

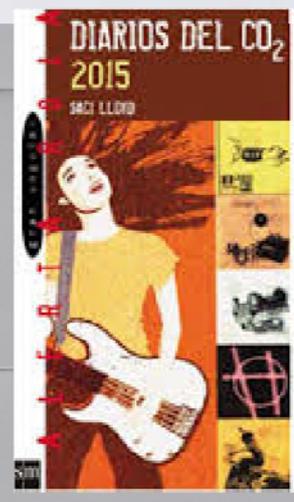
Although we think that these belong to us, **the consumerism makes us trapped** inside them.



<http://ow.ly/GYHJj>

## Book: *Dairy of CO2 2015*

Saci Lloyd, SM editions



After an ecological disaster which affects the whole planet, Great Britain starts a restrictive protocol of CO2 use.

Laura, an unconcerned girl, tells in her dairy how **her life radically changes after this event.**

In the following link you will find more information about this book, as well as a worksheet and other readings related to this topic.

[http://www.literaturasm.com/Diarios\\_del\\_CO2\\_2015.html#](http://www.literaturasm.com/Diarios_del_CO2_2015.html#)

# Initiatives based on solidarity



[www.disenosocial.org](http://www.disenosocial.org)

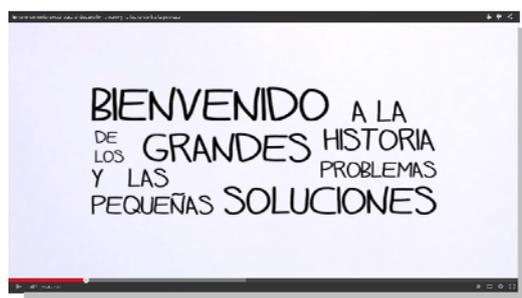
*“The majority of designers centre their efforts in the development of products and services exclusively for **10%** of the potential clientele of the whole world. A revolution is necessary in this model in order to reach the other **90%**”*

Dr. Paul Polak, International Development Enterprises

The social design looks to **working for and because of people**. It encourages social debate, reflects upon the approach to problems and it provides new spaces and tools.



In this link: <http://ow.ly/GZ2A3> you will find designs that contribute to the solution of problems that affect **the most impoverished populations**.





# EVENTS BASED ON SOLIDARITY

## February

### 20 International Day of the social justice

While traditional justice is blind, social justice must take off the blindfold to be able to see reality and **make up for the inequality** that occurs.

The idea of social justice is guided towards the creation of necessary conditions for developing a relatively equal society in economic, social, cultural terms and in terms of opportunity...

More Info: [www.un.org/es/events/socialjusticeday/](http://www.un.org/es/events/socialjusticeday/)

### 21 International Day of the mother tongue

Languages are the most powerful instruments for the preservation and development of cultural patrimony.

All the initiatives for the promotion of the native tongues not only stimulate language diversity and the multilingual education, but also a greater awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions, and the **inspiration to solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue**.

Más Info: [www.un.org/es/events/motherlanguageday/](http://www.un.org/es/events/motherlanguageday/)

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