

## Game: Which Way?

How do we relate to our co-world? What are the consequences of our actions? Our thoughts and actions shape the future. Your answers in the game show your general orientation and encourage discussions around ethical questions. So, which way do your decisions lead you?

Colours:

-  Sustainability
-  Endless Growth
-  Technology
-  Mindful togetherness

## Do you have a garden? How do you take care of it?

-  I practice permaculture and fertilise with manure from my ducks. Without buying industrial fertiliser, I save the planet's resources.
-  A garden? I get my vegetables from the supermarket. Preferably grown in monocultures and treated with pesticides.
-  I use all the latest technologies, from automatic irrigation systems to a solar-powered chicken coop gate. This way I increase the efficiency of my vegetable growing and save time.
-  Tending a garden is not only good for me. I get in touch with plants, soil and its diverse inhabitants. It makes me feel connected to my co-worlds.

## Do you live with one or more animals?

-  If I lived in the countryside, I would have chickens and maybe goats. They provide eggs and milk, eat weeds and plant remains and they work the soil... But as I live in the city, I prefer to live without animals.
-  No, even though animals are useful – on the plate, as shoes or as testing objects for medicine, I myself do not have neither the patience nor the money for them.

- Animals? Hm, I use an app with a mythical creature as a companion. I dream of the day when robot dogs by Boston Dynamics become available for everyone.
- Yes, I live together with them! I do not like the term pet. Since I share a home with several companions, which belong to different species. My dog Bello and I communicate with each other and we take care of one another. Moreover spiders and insects share our living space und fulfil their roles in the symphony of life.

**A pair of doves have built a nest on your balcony. How do you react?**

- I remove the nest in the couple's absence, before they can lay eggs. Then I put up an animal-friendly net. Birds are important for our ecosystem, but I prefer if everybody has its own habitat!
- Pigeons? Not on my balcony! I immediately call the pest control service and have them remove the nest.
- This would not happen to me. In addition to mirrored surfaces, I also set up an ultrasonic device on my balcony. This device releases sounds that are annoying to pigeons, so they stay away.
- What luck! I will be able to observe the unfolding of a new life very closely. I am thinking of ways to help; maybe I can build them a little house.

**Do you buy products, which contain palm oil from tropical places?**

- I make my own care and household products from simple local ingredients. With packaged food, I pay attention to the origin of each ingredient.
- I cannot do without my favourite brands. Generally, I prefer to buy the cheapest options when doing groceries. Because I cannot stop the cultivation of palm oil and deforestation on my own.
- I use a cool app, with which I can scan the barcodes of any products. It tells me, how sustainable and how healthy the product is. In addition, it makes shopping easy and fun!

- I suffer with the forests and their inhabitants. I therefore reject products that contain palm oil that comes from areas where deforestation is taking place. I look for easily degradable care and household products, and I eat locally.

**In the future, water could become scarce, also in Switzerland. How would you deal with this?**

- As an individual, I can contribute a lot by saving water and using biodegradable cleaning products. In view of the dry and hot summers, I choose plants that need less water.
- After all, Switzerland is the water castle of Europe! There cannot be a water shortage here. In a hot summer, I will continue to visit swimming or adventure pools.
- With a better management of water thanks to measuring devices, water reservoirs and targeted irrigation in agriculture could be done a lot.
- Water gives life. It is life! We need to use it carefully, at all times. I pay attention to my own consumption and I wish for measures, which take into account the needs of the waters themselves and its inhabitants.

**Several rivers around the world have been recognized as legal persons. What would you think if the Rhine and other waters in Switzerland were also given status as legal persons?**

- If it would mean that we finally act against water pollution and hold the corporations that run their chemicals into our rivers accountable, then it is a great solution!
- Nonsense! The Rhine is available to us as a shipping route, trade route and leisure area. Nothing should change about that.
- Would this mean that we would not be allowed to build dams or flood defence infrastructure? I find that difficult. Thanks to such interventions, it is possible to produce energy and to increase our quality of life. At the same time, the risk of flooding in residential areas has been reduced.

- Wonderful! For me waters are animated and alive. We should listen to them and live together with them instead of wanting to own or dominate them.

### **How would you prefer to live?**

- Unfortunately residing consumes a lot of energy. I would like to live in a micro house within an eco-garden-community.
- I have long dreamed of a family home with a pond and garden. I would also like to have a holiday house in the mountains and a small house by the sea for my family.
- I would like to own an apartment in a skyscraper with a solar energy plant and a green roof, where the rainwater is used for the sanitary installations. Of course, I would also install a heat pump.
- Land does not belong to anyone. We only dwell on it for a short time. I would preferably live in a multi-generational community, where everyone supports each other and lives in harmony with the co-world.

### **What does kinship mean to you?**

- I like to remember my forebears, who unfortunately passed away. Our family and relatives often gather and have a lively exchange.
- I inherited my surname from my ancestors – and soon also their property!
- I am interested in genealogy. With the help of DNA analysis and family tree databases, I have been able to find out a lot about my family and relatives.
- For me not only my biological family members belong to my kin. I also feel closely related to other people and beings. I maintain meaningful relationships with them.

## What do trees mean to you?

- Trees are the lungs of our planet. Deforestation in Amazonia, Borneo or Chaco must be stopped! Areas that have already been cleared should be reforested.
- Trees are important resources, for example as paper, furniture, construction or firewood. It is great that wood is a cheap and fast renewable raw material.
- Trees bind CO<sub>2</sub> and help to fight the heat island effect in cities! They will also play a big role in the development of green technology.
- Trees are amazing living creatures. It is fascinating how they communicate with each other and how they form communities with other plants, lichens, animals and fungi. When I am forest bathing, I feel connected to trees.

## How often do you eat meat and other animal products?

- Rarely if ever. To protect the planet, I try to eat locally and seasonally.
- I eat what I like and whenever I feel like it! A meal without a piece of meat does not come to my table. I do not care if it comes from industrial livestock farming.
- I almost eat no meat or other animal products. Now I wait for laboratory fabricated meat.
- I cannot eat meat because it causes too much suffering and violence. With other animal products I always check where they come from and how they were produced.

## Where does your food come from?

- I am a member of a food cooperative. This way, I support direct trade – especially for small farmers – and make sure they are paid fairly. Ecology without awareness for socio-economic issues does not solve problems!

- My food comes from the supermarket. I often eat ready-made products: as cheap and practical as possible.
- I use an app, which creates eco-friendly and healthy shopping lists for me. It allows me to buy eco-friendly products quickly and easily in the supermarket or online.
- Every week I drive by bicycle to the local market and pick up seasonal organic food from my region. This way, I support organic farming and contribute to a balanced exchange.

### **Which role do bees play for you?**

- Sustainable agriculture would not be possible without bee pollination. We should practice farming that is more organic because pesticides and monocultures contribute to bee mortality.
- Modern beekeeping is mobile. Bees can be used to pollinate monocultures. They not only increase the yield of plantations, but also give honey.
- The life of bees and beekeeping can be enhanced through sensors or digital tools. They offer the possibility to monitor the bees and the beehives independent of time and place. At the same time they collect and compare various data for this purpose.
- The reproduction of plants and the nutrition of animals and humans depend on bees – they are essential for survival. In order to counteract bee mortality, I plant bee pastures wherever I can – in the countryside in the garden, in the city on the balcony and on fallow land. Honey is a precious good, it requires a lot of work: for 1 kilo of honey, bees have to fly 79,000 kilometres.

### **«I am because you are, you are because we are» – this saying expresses interconnectedness and mutual responsibility. It is part of the Ubuntu-philosophy from southern Africa. What do you think of this idea?**

- I like this concept. If more people and corporations acted more responsibly, we could make a big leap towards sustainability.
- Cooperation and sharing? No, own interests motivate and competition stimulates business! After all, everyone is the architect of their own fortune and determines their position and livelihood within society through individual skills and work.

- I know *ubuntu* as a free and public IT operating system. The concept fits well my own wish to live in a world where all technologies are shared without copyrights. This is the only way to make technological and scientific progress. My goal is a digitally connected life!
- *ubuntu* corresponds exactly with my view! In the end, we achieve nothing with egoism. We inhabit the earth together with other people and beings. Therefore, we should all support each other.

### **Am I responsible for the climate?**

- Yes, it is our responsibility to counteract climate change. I try to live my life as sustainably as possible. This includes a completely vegetarian or vegan diet, no flying and using only second hand products.
- I am not personally responsible for climate change. I was simply born into this age. I want to enjoy my life, that is why for me it is hard to give up anything.
- My hope lies with geo-engineering and the development of energy-efficient technologies. I mainly use renewable energies, for example solar and wind power and I drive an electric car. That is how we get climate change under control!
- Individuals as well as large corporations and states are accountable and responsible for climate change. We need to change thinking and acting: Instead of continuing the exploitation of mountains, rivers, plants and animals, we must look for new forms of coexistence.

### **Hydro and wind power are the most important local sources of renewable energy in Switzerland. What is your position on the issue of energy production?**

- Renewable and sustainable energies are indispensable, if we are to influence the climate. As long as the ecological requirements are taken into account, I support the construction of both hydroelectric power plants and wind farms.
- Energy is essential for human life. If we do not use water, wind and sun for us, it would be a waste. I am in favour of hydroelectric power plants, wind farms and solar parks.

- For me, power plants are masterpieces of human intelligence. Technological improvements mean that dams and wind farms can be built increasingly greener and can be used more efficiently. We know that the demand of energy is increasing!
- Rivers and lakes are not only there for people's water supply and their economies, they are part of our co-world. Hydroelectric power plants disturb them. I am against the construction of more plants and in favour of minimising electricity consumption.

### **What is your relationship with the mountains?**

- Mountains are wonderful! I like hiking and I also do challenging mountain tours. Nevertheless, I take care not to leave any litter and not to disturb animals and plants.
- Mountains are especially interesting from an economic point of view. Mineral resources and water supplies are found here. They are also attractive for tourism and offer great expansion potential.
- Mountains are a sports paradise! Technological wonders such as lifts, gondolas and cog railways take us to the highest peaks. They make skiing interesting in the first place! And without snow cannons, nothing would work anymore.
- Mountains are not only the habitat of people, but also the home of many rare plant and animal species. They never cease to amaze me: not only for the vast panorama, but also for the diverse co-existence of different beings.

### **Is biodiversity important to you?**

- Biodiversity is important for functioning ecosystems. We should preserve it for future generations.
- No, humans only need a few species to provide for themselves. Production in monocultures is cheaper and more productive.

- To feed the growing world population, we need resilient species. We can achieve this through genetic modification. Technically enhanced cultivation methods also increase production.
- All species must be considered as companions. We can learn a lot from indigenous and local knowledge systems: On the approximately 20% of the earth's surface that is inhabited by indigenous people, 80% of the biodiversity is found. If we cultivate a mindful coexistence, all inhabitants of the earth can be well.