

# VACANCY: JUNIOR PROJECT MANAGER PROJECTS & EVENTS

## Designathon Works, HQ in Amsterdam, 32 hours per week

**Contribute to local and global education projects for children under the guidance of great senior project managers in the field!**

### Why do we do what we do?

Designathon Works is an organisation on a mission to unleash the creativity of millions of children worldwide and to teach them to become changemakers for a better, cleaner future. With new, innovative training programs and models for learning, we help children to develop the knowledge, skills, and technical competencies that drive innovation and lead to better lives for the good of our planet, and of all society.

### How does it work?

In the local and global design hackathon workshops children invent, build and present their self-devised solutions to social and environmental issues, based on the [Sustainable Development Goals](#)<sup>1</sup> related topics such as mobility, food, waste, deforestation and plastic. It includes teaching materials and tools for ages 4 to 12 years and is available in English, Dutch and Arabic, with some themes available in another 7 languages. The method is unique due to its ability to enable children's creativity for the tackling of global issues, and physically constructing prototypes with electronics, in a relatively short period of time. It is also unique because it works with various groups of children despite their socio-economic background, ability or country.



Our program reaches children through 3 tracks: as a school program, through tailor-made programs in collaboration with businesses and institutions, and finally through our annual global event: the Global Children's Designathon.

### Why join?

The projects that you will be working will consist of a wide variety and will include projects like:

- **Dopper Changemaker Challenge Junior:** [school challenge around plastic pollution](#) taking place in 5 countries, with the grand final on June 6.
- **Design Futures:** a [European initiative](#) that creates materials for teachers to help them implement practices in their schools that support children's imagination, self-esteem, and ability to contribute by letting them experience Design Thinking and Maker Education.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

- **Global Children's Designathon (GCD) 2020:** a day dedicated to celebrating what the world could be like when children design better futures for people and the planet using new technologies. Video's from the Global Children's Designathon 2019: [Accra](#), [Montreal](#) and [Paris](#).

### Does this sound like you?

Do you want to (co)-manage these remarkable projects on a global level, would you like to engage our global community and create the next generation of changemakers with us? Let us know!

We are looking for someone who will not only help us lead these projects operationally but also wants to learn how to manage and execute projects and events to the max on a global scale. You want to make an impact, which means you want to be disruptive, be bold and make a change. And you have the drive to make this happen. You are not afraid to take the stage or do something that's never been done before. You dream big and your impressive organizational skills will help you in organizing various types of projects and you have fun doing this. You enjoy being part of a team, collaborating with people across the globe and you know how to mobilize our global community. We can always count on you. You are very responsible, so you meet your deadlines and keep a close eye on the details.

### Are you up for this challenge? These things would help:

In this role you will have the opportunity to be involved in (co)managing remarkable projects executing events and managing our global community:

#### Projects:

- You will work closely with the Designathon Works team to execute various projects like the Dopper Changemaker Challenge, Design Futures and the Global Children's Designathon.
- You will support the Global Children's Designathon coordinator in meeting all the needs of the 40 local host across the globe and by organizing the Amsterdam event.
- You enjoy making detailed plannings for the projects;
- You are thrilled to execute projects with the highest level of detail, like delivering detailed lesson plans, to setting-up test designathons, organizing events and sending out invitations.
- You love working with different stakeholders;
- You know how to mobilize a community;
- You enjoy helping us in preparing other projects and challenges;
- You like to grab the opportunity to develop in various further fields (financial, productional, commercial, research, creative, international, HR & legal, educational);



- You are open to on and off the job coaching by experienced senior project managers.

### General

- You are available between March 2020 and December 2020;
- You show that you are driven to contribute to make the world a better place;
- You take ownership of your projects, making sure you never lose sight of your goals; you have excellent planning skills;
- You consider yourself connected, proactive, fun and responsible;

### **What's in it for you?**

We know you don't apply to get the best coffee in town. So what is different about working at Designathon Works? First of all, you're not just running a project, you're actually making a change in the world through preparing the next generation of changemakers. We're on a mission and that ties all our local partners together leading to the apotheosis of the Global Children's Designathon in November 2020. Sounds good? There's more. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hop on board and be a part of a very international group of changemakers across the globe.



Do you want to know even more about Designathon Works? Please visit our website: [designathonworks.com](http://designathonworks.com)

Only one more thing left to do, right? Apply by sending us an email why you are THE one, including your CV! Deadline: before March 1!

Questions? Contact us.

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