

Little Sun

2018 | A Year in Pictures



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Dolpo, Nepal



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Climate justice and energy access for all

Dear Friends of Little Sun,

The power is in our hands to stop the worst effects of climate change, even if the challenge often seems so abstract that it is hard to imagine what we can do on our own. We ask ourselves, *How does climate change affect me as an individual? How do I, as a member of society, recognise that I have individual power?* There are countless people wrestling with precisely these questions, and this year some excellent answers have been proposed, giving hope for a brighter future for all.

Take for example Mary Robinson's book *Climate Justice*, or the film *Paris to Pittsburgh*, which both feature incredible individuals fighting global climate change with local solutions. At a time when governments are not acting quickly and boldly enough, there are many other players out there who are attacking climate change head on. This is why, this year, Little Sun joined an incredible crowd of 50,000 people in Hambach Forest to urge the German government to end the use of fossil fuels – to keep it in the ground. For a second time, Little Sun also lit up the Pathway to Paris concert in San Francisco, which gathered musicians and artists in a global call to action for policymakers and leaders.

As an artist, I work to make the abstract tangible, to transform something as massive as the climate into a physical thing that you can touch and that you can be touched by. When we come into direct contact with the melting Greenland ice sheet in the immense ice blocks that make up *Ice Watch*, or grasp the power of the sun in our hands through Little Sun, the distant issues become local, emotional, urgent. This is the important role that art plays in changing the world. And this is what Little Sun is all about. I believe if you hold hands with the sun – or the ice – you hold hands with the future.

While Little Sun functions as a powerful symbol for global togetherness, it is most importantly your own little power plant. In parts of the world where there is no access to electricity, the little solar lamp has a huge impact and is building a future today that generations will inherit tomorrow. To achieve our goal of universal energy access for all, we need you. By donating to our Solar Power for Health Workers programme in Tanzania, you provide energy and can quite literally save lives. **Find out more at littlesunfoundation.org/donate.**

Together, we make a movement.

Olafur Eliasson
Founder of Little Sun

Little Sun's Global impact*

838,308

Little Sun lamps sold worldwide

510,844

Little Sun lamps distributed off-grid

2,229,834

lives changed off-grid

182,041

tonnes CO₂ emissions reduced

\$48,065,312

Savings on energy related expenses in off grid households, aggregated

20,452,126

Extra study hours for school children off-grid**

1,865

Sales agents trained

* from all Little Sun Originals and Little Sun Diamonds distributed in off-grid areas since 2012.
Based on GOGLA, Standardised Impact Metrics for the Off-grid Energy Sector, version 1.0, 2015.
**from Little Sun Foundation's distributions to school children since 2018.
Based on SolarAid's Impact Calculator.

**Thank you for embarking on our sunny mission
to make universal access to energy a reality.**

Our Year in Pictures features Little Sun's highlights from the past 12 months. Enjoy!



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Spencer Tunick's BODØ BODYSCAPE installation, with Little Sun Diamonds shining bright in September!

Photo: Spencer Tunick

January

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The Global Goals World Cup in **Dubai** was followed by other competitions in New York City, Johannesburg, and Roseau in Dominica. The rule is simple: play to change the world one goal at a time. The GGWC's aim is to inspire amateur women athletes to become champions of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and to drive progress and change in their communities. For the occasion of the **NYC** edition, Olafur even designed the winners' trophy, which will now travel to every tournament!

 Environmental  Education

Global Goals World Cups in Dubai, Johannesburg, Roseau (Dominica)

Photos: Maria del Pilar Garcia Ayensa / Studio Olafur Eliasson (top middle), Emil Lyders (top left, bottom right), Getty and GGWCup (top right), Sibusiso Khasa (bottom left)





February

In February, Little Suns reached the Arhuaco Tribe, who live in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, an extremely remote location in northern **Colombia**. Excitingly, Little Sun expanded further in Senegal with Fatoumata joining the Senegalese team. In Europe, the Little Sun team took part at Ambiente fair in Frankfurt, Germany – the leading international consumer goods trade fair.

 Environmental  Humanitarian

Little Suns were delivered in northern Colombia by our friends from Conscious Action Network

Photos: Jan Schubert



I am working for Little Sun because I have a solar virus running through my veins.

It is an opportunity for me to participate towards the development of my country. Little Sun gives me the privilege to be the link between two poles – the one with electricity and the other that lives in darkness. This exclusion determines my commitment to reconstruct this injustice by putting light in the lives of people. In this way, Little Sun helps me settle individual's misfortunes and celebrate their happiness.

Fatoumata Ndiaye, new Business Developer in Senegal

 **Business**

Fatoumata Ndiaye joined the Little Sun team in Senegal. Welcome!

Photo: Little Sun (left)

 **Business**

Our friend Guido Schwarz from Klean Kanteen and Little Sun's Romane at Ambiente

Photo: Little Sun (right)



March

From switching the lights off for Earth Hour to distributing lamps to school children in **Rwanda**, Little Sun shined brightly all over the world. The Solar Panel Art Series kicked off a new series of exhibitions worldwide and the Little Sun team attended the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development, where we explained how our work contributes to affordable and clean energy for all (SDG 7), and impacts other Sustainable Development Goals, such as education, health, and poverty.

 Education  Environmental

Schoolchildren in Rwanda with their Little Sun lamps

Photo: Little Sun



Solar Schools Program

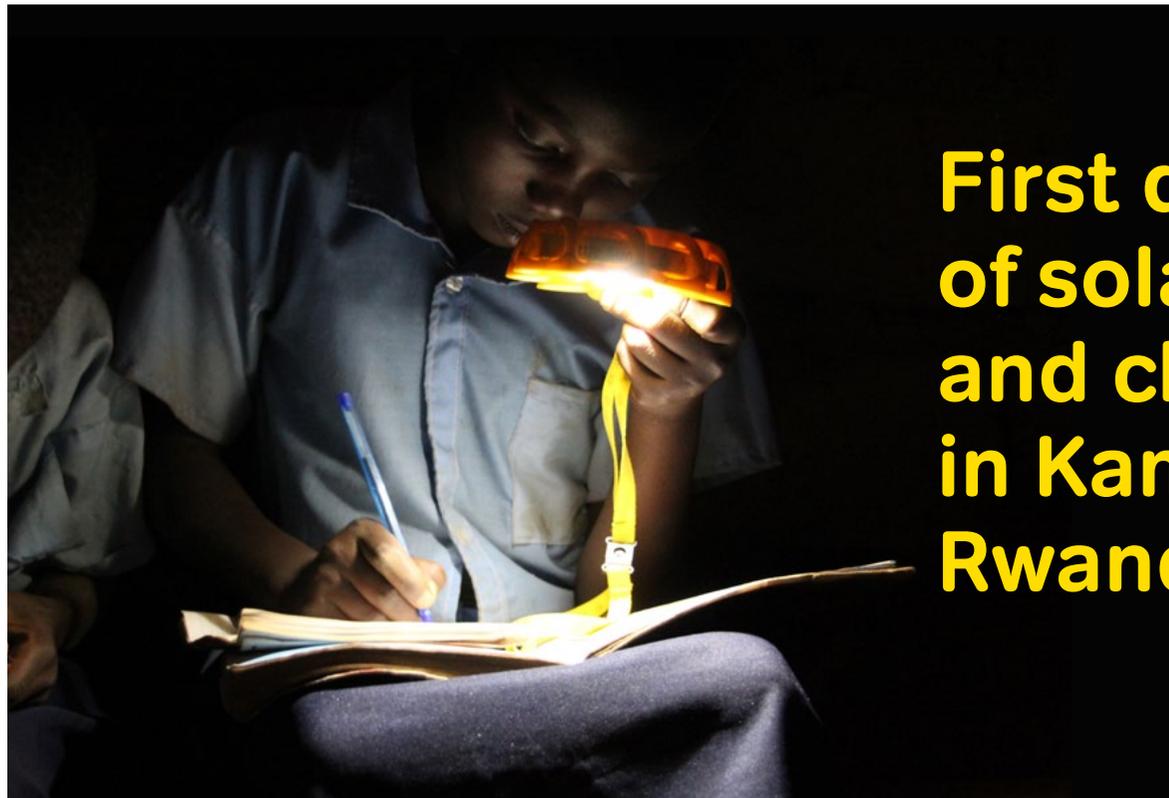
First project marking the official launch of the Little Sun Foundation, the Solar Schools Program aims at equipping schools in rural areas with clean and reliable energy. In the Kamonyi district, **Rwanda**, 96.5% of the population have no access to electricity. In March and November, Little Sun successfully delivered 15,000 solar lamps to schoolchildren and 300 solar-powered phone chargers to teachers. 2019's goal is to have all schools in the Kamonyi district equipped! Thanks to our amazing local partners from SaferRwanda for making this happen.

Do you want to support the Solar Schools Program? Donate here: littlesunfoundation.org/donate

 Education  Environmental

Our lamps were delivered to school kids and teachers and Rwanda to improve access to education

Photos: Little Sun



First delivery of solar lamps and chargers in Kamonyi, Rwanda

Earth Hour

For WWF's Earth Hour, many friends and partners joined us at Little Sun's HQ in **Berlin** to switch off the lights and experience how it feels to spend one hour only lit by Little Sun. Martha Teferra Mekommen and Henok Getachew enlightened the hour with music and art. The Solar Panel Art Series displayed artworks and children drew some amazing Sunlight Graffiti with the power of the sun.

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 Art & Culture  Environmental

Martha Teferra Mekommen playing traditional Ethiopian music lit up by Little Sun (right, top), kids drawing their own Solar Graffiti (middle) in the Little Sun office (left)

Photos: Little Sun

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Solar Panel Art Series

The Solar Panel Art Series invites international artists to create art on old solar panels in order to raise awareness for clean energy. By auctioning the works, funds are raised for the Little Sun Foundation in order to support the Solar Schools Program in Rwanda, providing school children and teachers with solar energy. This year, auctioned artworks in **Berlin** and **New York City** have raised a total of €23,000!

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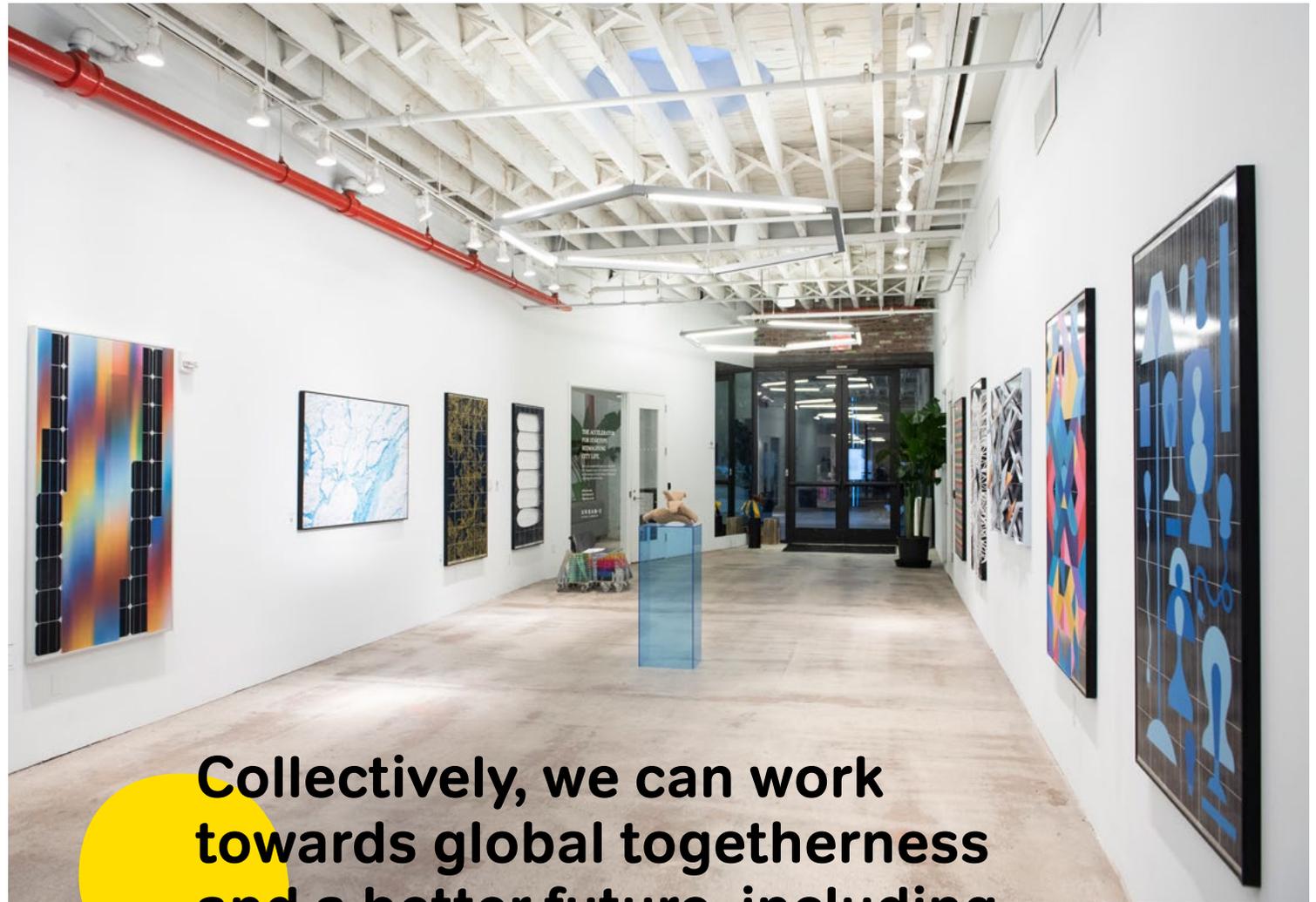


 Education  Art & Culture

Exhibition Space, ADO, New York City (right)

Photo: The Solar Panel Art Series

*Artworks: The Golden Rule, Brian Kenny
Untitled, Edwad Granger*



Collectively, we can work towards global togetherness and a better future, including energy access for all.

An artwork is never just the object; it is also the experience and its contextual impact, how it is used and enjoyed, and how it raises questions and changes ways of thinking and living. The Solar Panel Art Series does exactly that, and it is a great example of how to open up the discussion about renewable energy and the unequal distribution of energy today.

Olafur Eliasson

Somali Region, Ethiopia



In April, IOM – the UN Migration Agency – reached a remarkable milestone, distributing over 20,000 Little Suns to Internally Displaced Women in the Somali region of **Ethiopia**. In London, our humanitarian sales team attended Aid&Trade, an event for the global aid and development industry. While our Little Sun Chargers were being used as power stations during the Women in Africa Summit in Dakar, the Solar Schools Program has been extended to Tanzania, spreading even more solar happiness.

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In the Somali region of Ethiopia, internally displaced women and girls receiving Little Suns from IOM

Photos: Alemayehu Seifeselesie

I walk with this on my neck. I consider it a jewel that brings light to my path at night.

Ader, 35 years old, was displaced with nine members of her family



Ader received a Little Sun as part of a dignity kit to walk safely in the camp or meet up with neighbours at night

Photo: Alemayehu Seifeselessie



Business

Joan and Fatou from the Little Sun Senegal team introducing Little Sun at the Women in Africa Summit

Photos: Rémi Schapman (top middle, bottom right)



Education Environmental

In Tanzania, 1,500 school children received solar lamps to be able to study at night

Photos: Little Sun/AIIDRO (top and bottom far left)

Humanitarian

Little Sun's Samuel and Mason at Aid&Trade in London

Photos: Little Sun (above)



May

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We were delighted to receive the prestigious Billion Acts Hero Award in the Best Social Enterprise category in **Monaco!** In the meantime in **Germany**, we hosted a B Corp Get Together to talk about sustainability and engage in some Sunlight Graffiti fun. Next, our friends from BildungsCent e.V. got our solar lamps into their 'climate boxes' to teach school children about sustainability and climate change.

 Education  Environmental

Little Sun as part of BildungsCent e.V.'s KlimaKiste to teach school kids about sustainability

Photos: FUNKE Foto Services, Socrates Tassos (bottom)



 Business  Environmental

Little Sun's Rabea on stage with all the winners of the Billion Acts Hero Award and Nobel Prize Winner Betty Williams

Photo: Christine Wu (top)





Our German B Corp partners and friends made their way to Berlin to talk social impact and sustainable practices and do their own Sunlight Graffiti

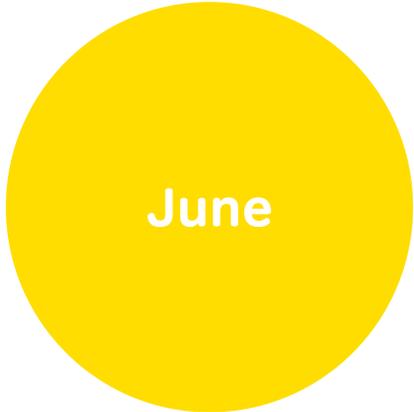
Photo: Little Sun



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Senegal



Our new collaboration with IKEA kicked off this month! Together, we want to inspire and explore new ways to harness the power of the sun through intelligent and creative design. Additionally, the Little Sun office had the pleasure of welcoming five young African journalists and AI Gore! Our solar lamps were distributed in **Kenya** and **Senegal**, making energy more accessible in rural areas. Last but not least, Olafur got the chance to introduce Little Sun to Ban Ki-moon!



 Humanitarian

Fatoumata delivering lamps to UNHCR to bring light to refugees living in rural areas near Dakar

Photo: Little Sun (left)

 Education

Our friends from Karibujua delivering lamps to school children in the Mbulia Conservancy in Voi, Kenya

Photos: Giulia Cavallin, Karibujua (right)





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Al Gore, environmentalist and politician, visiting the Little Sun team

Photo: Yero Adugna Eticha / Studio Olafur Eliasson



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Olafur introducing Little Sun to Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General, in Copenhagen's UN City

Photo: Jasper Calberg

IKEA X LITTLE SUN

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Collaborating with Ikea

The Little Sun team is excited to start working with IKEA on creating a series of sustainable off-the-grid tools for everyday life, which will be available in the IKEA stores. We are exploring off-grid solutions, not only for energy, but also for water and communication to raise awareness for a sustainable lifestyle.

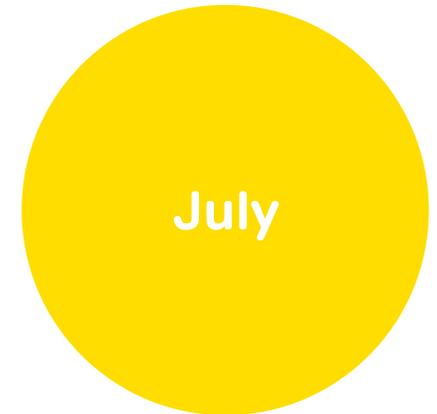


 Business  Environmental

Olafur announcing the collaboration on stage at IKEA's Democratic Design Days in Älmhult, Sweden

Photos: Little Sun

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Exciting news from **Senegal**: Little Sun won the innovation competition for access to energy organized by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)! In **Berlin**, solar workshops taught children about sustainability and solar technology, and the Little Sun team was converted into solar models as part of a fashion photo shoot for Handelsblatt.

 Business  Environmental

Joan and Fatou from the Little Sun Senegal team launched a series of solar sales trainings thanks to the UNDP grant, starting in Fatick

Photos: Eva Gomme (top, left)

 Education  Environmental

School children dismantling a Little Sun in the Berlin British School

Photo: Little Sun (bottom right)



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 Art & Culture

The Little Sun team as part of a photo shoot for Handelsbatt's special fashion issue in September, including some solar jewels

Photos: Little Sun

 Business  Environmental

Our own tote bag with a sunny design statement to tackle single use plastic bags

Photo: Little Sun (above)

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August

In August, we had the pleasure of collaborating with design lexicon Virgil Abloh and Naomi Campbell in Copenhagen. On Governors Island in **New York City**, our solar lamps lit a guided walk, creating a collective work of art. In Madagascar, solar workshops for children highlighted the importance of climate action and sales agent trainings kept the team in Senegal busy. Last but not least, Abc. designed a shirt to raise awareness and funds for the Little Sun Foundation!



 Education  Art & Culture

Co-created by Usdan Summer Camps for the Arts, Nate Koch, and Little Sun, the Solar Nightwalk brought together almost 200 people on Governors Island

Photos: André Feliciano



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Sami Janjer, Naomi Campbell, Olafur Eliasson and Stavros Karelis at Copenhagen International Fashion Fair

Photo: SHOWstudio

ENLIGHTENMENT

'ENLIGHTENMENT' was an installation co-curated by Stavros Karelis and Sami Janjer, and exhibited at the **Copenhagen** International Fashion Fair. After reading Naomi Campbell's chosen quotes on Woolrich blankets in collaboration with Peter Saville, guests, including Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark, watched a film by Nick Knight and walked through a field of Little Sun lamps in a space curated by Little Sun c/o Virgil Abloh. Virgil designed a poster which was sold at ClIFF to support Little Sun Foundation.



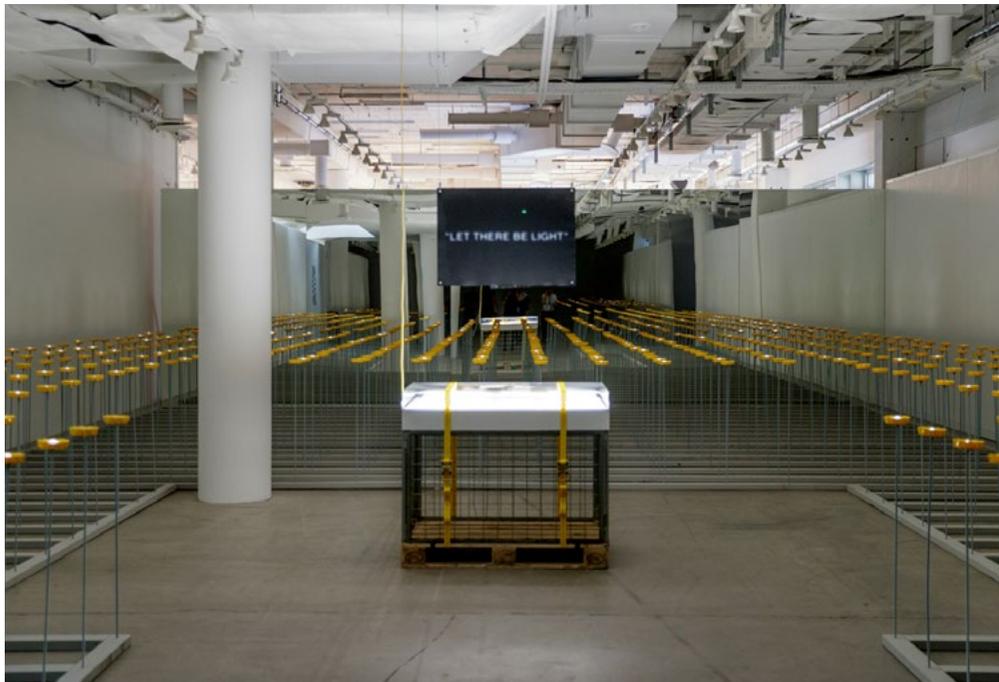
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Naomi Campbell passing by Nick Night's space (top left), and having a live video chat with Virgil Abloh (top right), Little Sun installation by Virgil Abloh (bottom left)

Photos: SHOWstudio



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☀️ Art & Culture

Shirts (right) by Abc., sold by the Marciano Foundation to raise awareness and donations for the Little Sun Foundation



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☀️ Education ☀️ Environmental

Chances for Nature organized a 3-day camp for environmental education in the Kirindy forests, Madagascar

Photo: Chances for Nature (right)

☀️ Business

The Little Sun Senegal team training local women to become solar agents in Tambacounda

Photos: Little Sun (below)





September

Whether in Burkina Faso, **Germany**, the United States or **Kenya**, Little Sun illuminated hundreds of people's lives through solar power stations, Little Sunrises and sales trainings!

Art & Culture

After charging visitors' phones with solar at Lollapalooza, the Little Sun team was ready for Kraftwerk in 3D

Photo: Little Sun (top right)

Business

The Big Life Foundation provided rangers with solar lamps to support them tracking poachers at night

Photos: Jeremy Goss



Issaka & Boureima in Berlin

We were honored to have Boureima Tanga Kabre and Issaka Dahani visiting us all the way from **Burkina Faso**. They help us develop our sales agents network across the country, making peoples' livelihoods easier, one lamp at a time. After their visit, they went back to Ouagadougou and trained 100 women on solar energy and entrepreneurship in the rural areas of Koupéla and Pouytenga.



 Business

Solar sales agents trainings (top right, bottom) and Little Sun team members welcoming Boureima and Issaka from Burkina Faso in Berlin

Photos: Little Sun



From San Francisco to Nepal

In 2017, the Pathway to Paris concert marked the launch of a new initiative called 1000 Cities, inviting all cities of the world to transition away from fossil fuels and move to 100% renewable energy by 2040. In 2018, Olafur again led the audience in creating a Little Sunrise using 2,400 Little Sun solar lamps. After the performance, the lamps were sent to communities living in high-altitude, remote areas of Nepal without access to electricity. Kudos to our friends from Upaya Zen Center and Everest Awakening for making this possible on the ground!

Follow their journey here:

littlesun.com/p2p

 Art & Culture  Environmental

Olafur on stage at Pathway to Paris (left), with Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (middle), Little Sun's Clay, Eva and Rabea with Rebecca Solnit and Charles McDonald

Photos: Little Sun





☀ Art & Culture ☀ Environmental

Little Suns made their way to Dolpo, Nepal

Photos: Dan Lin

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October

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This month, we protested the continued use of fossil fuels in the Hambach Forest, Germany, urging governments and companies to start taking climate action and switch to renewable energy. We also supported healthcare and safer deliveries in Tanzania, education in Rwanda, entrepreneurship in **Senegal**, and signed a long-term agreement with the UNHCR. This will help us provide clean and safe light to many more people in need.



 Business

Fatou and Joan continued the solar trainings for sales agents, this time in Kédougou

Photos: Little Sun

The power is in our hands to stop the worst effects of climate change

but if Germany is serious about sustainability it needs to end mining lignite – the most polluting fossil fuel – now. It took 12,000 years for the Hambach forest to become what it is today. Once it is gone, it is gone. Mining and burning the coal will harm the world for generations to come. The energy transition must start now.

Olafur Eliasson



Olafur became a tree godfather in the Hambach Forest

Photo: Tomas Rodriguez (circle)

Little Sun protesting against the use of fossil fuels

Photos: Little Sun (right)



Community Health Volunteers in Tanzania

In rural areas of **Zanzibar**, almost half of Zanzibari women deliver their children at home due to lack of money for transport, traditional practices, and/or lack of planning. Community Health Volunteers help pregnant women overcome these barriers and provide advice on key health topics. As many of the Volunteers lack electricity in their homes, Little Sun has equipped 250 of them with portable solar-powered phone chargers and has pledged to donate 500 more Little Sun Charges, aiming at equipping all Community Health Volunteers. Solar energy allows them to work efficiently in assuring safe and high quality health care to the women and families who need it.

Watch the video and hear from Amina, Community Health Volunteer since 2011:
littlesun.com/powerzanzibar



CHV Amina Rashid Bakari in her home (top)
 CHV Mwajuma Mwadini Mcha visiting a patient (bottom left), Community Health Volunteers with a Little Sun Charge (bottom right)

Photos: Little Sun, Abdul Jafary



I once found myself in the situation that I had to pick up an expectant mother at night. I took my Little Sun Charge with me, because I never leave it behind. Along the way it so happened that the women could not wait any longer and we had to prepare for her birth in the car. Our roads are terrible and the vehicle was small. But the solar light helped us a lot. It lit up the birth and I could help in the delivery – all went well.

Amina Rashid Bakari, Community Health Volunteer



November

We extended our range of products to make even more clean energy available around the world! For Christmas, the Black Diamond special edition had double the impact - for every lamp sold, two solar lamps go to an area without reliable access to electricity - twice as much joy whilst sharing the light! Later in November, we announced our collaboration with Klean Kanteen, offering a limited-edition water bottle with a Little Sun design to tackle single use materials and help make our planet a better place.

 Business  Environmental

Our limited-edition Klean Kanteen bottle with Little Sun design and Little Sun Black Diamond

Photo: Little Sun (left and top)

 Art & Culture

Little Sun shining bright at Mary Robinson's book launch

Photos: Little Sun (circle)



 Humanitarian

Little Sun's Mason and Samuel at AidEx, Brussels

Photo: Little Sun (top left)

 Business

Little Sun being sold at the Christmas Pop Up Shop ABURY x B Corp in Bikini, Berlin

Photo: ABURY (circle)



The Little Sun Foundation won the Berlin Creator Award!

In **Germany**, the Little Sun Foundation won the WeWork Creator Award in the Nonprofit category! The \$72,000 granted by WeWork will help us bring solar lamps and chargers to rural Rwandan communities, especially school children and teachers, to improve access to education. The Little Sun team had the pleasure of meeting Muhammad Yunus at the Global Social Business Summit in Wolfsburg, Germany. Back in Berlin, Olafur hosted the book launch of Mary Robinson's Climate Justice, which shares Little Sun's mission of inspiring climate action. Guests of the event had the chance to draw their own Sunlight Graffiti.

 Education  Environmental

Felix accepting WeWork's Berlin Creator Award on stage

Photo: Lupo Cordero (top right)

 Business

Little Sun team's Felix and Frederik with Prof. Muhammad Yunus and Hans Reitz at the Global Social Business Summit 2018

Photo: Little Sun (bottom right)

Second delivery of lamps to Solar Schools in Kamonyi, Rwanda



 Education  Environmental

Over 10,000 school children received Little Suns as part of the Solar Schools Program in Rwanda

Photos: Jean Bizimana, Little Sun

December



For the first time, Little Suns made their way to **Gaza**, thanks to Rebuilding Alliance, and to **Lebanon**, through Caritas, to tackle the issue of unreliable electricity. Bringing art and climate action together, Little Sun also shined a light at Ice Watch – Olafur Eliasson's public exhibition in London. The Little Sun Foundation was thrilled to count on RIMOWA's and Waschbär's support to bring more clean and reliable access to children in Rwanda!

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 Humanitarian

School children received Little Suns from Caritas in Lebanon

Photos: Caritas Lebanon (above)



 Humanitarian

Little Suns being delivered in Gaza thanks to our partners Rebuilding Alliance

Photos: Mohammad Mansour

Humanitarian Art & Culture

RIMOWA and Olafur collaborated on a collection of stickers to upgrade suitcases with a special collection of phrases and images inspired by nature and organic shapes

Photos: RIMOWA (below)



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Art & Culture

Dancers from Studio Wayne McGregor in an Ice Watch intervention with Little Sun Diamonds in front of Tate Modern, London, UK

Photos: Charlie Forgham-Bailey (top right)

Olafur, Mike Bloomberg and Minik Rosling at Ice Watch in front of Tate Modern, London, UK

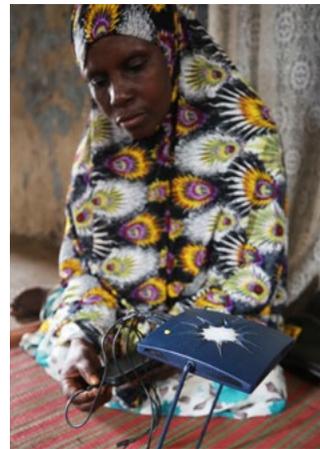
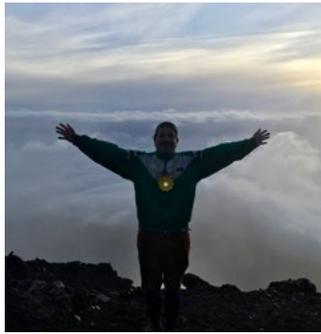
Photos: Charlie Forgham-Bailey (bottom left)





Dancers from Studio Wayne McGregor in an Ice Watch intervention with Little Sun Diamonds in front of Tate Modern, London, UK

Photo: Charlie Forgham-Bailey

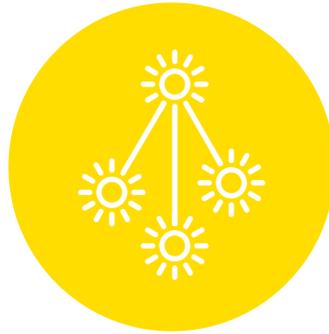


Thank you to everyone, near and far, who has helped furthering Little Sun's solar mission to bring energy access to all.

Special thanks to all the interns, solar advocates and fans all around the world for your support throughout 2018.

Little Sun's Goals

We envision a future in which the number of people without access to clean, sustainable energy will drop from 1.1 billion to zero. We believe passionately in energy access for all – improving health, education, gender equality, and environmental sustainability – aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals as outlined by the UN.



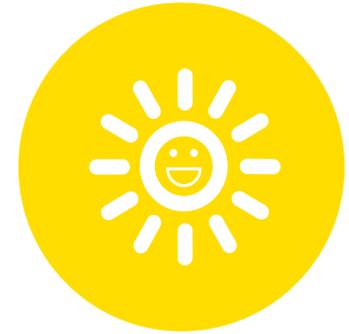
Energy Access

Universal access to sustainable energy



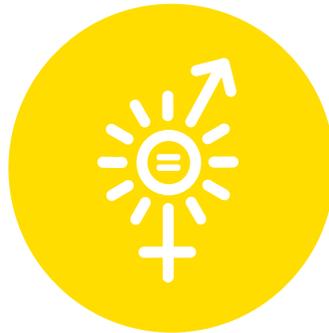
Education

Giving a brighter future to kids off-grid



Health

Providing a clean alternative to the kerosene lamp



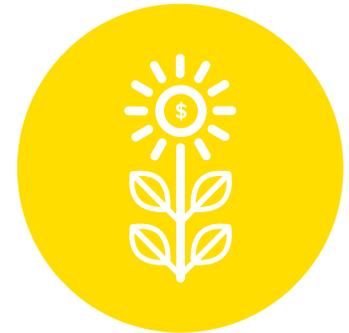
Gender Equality

Making a safer world for women and girls



Environmental Sustainability

Radically reducing CO₂ emissions



Poverty Eradication

Making local economies more sustainable

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on the other side in 2019!

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