



WATER DAY
World Water Day is held every year on 22 March to remind everyone of the importance of clean drinking water.

Not everyone has access to clean water.



Create a game about clean water

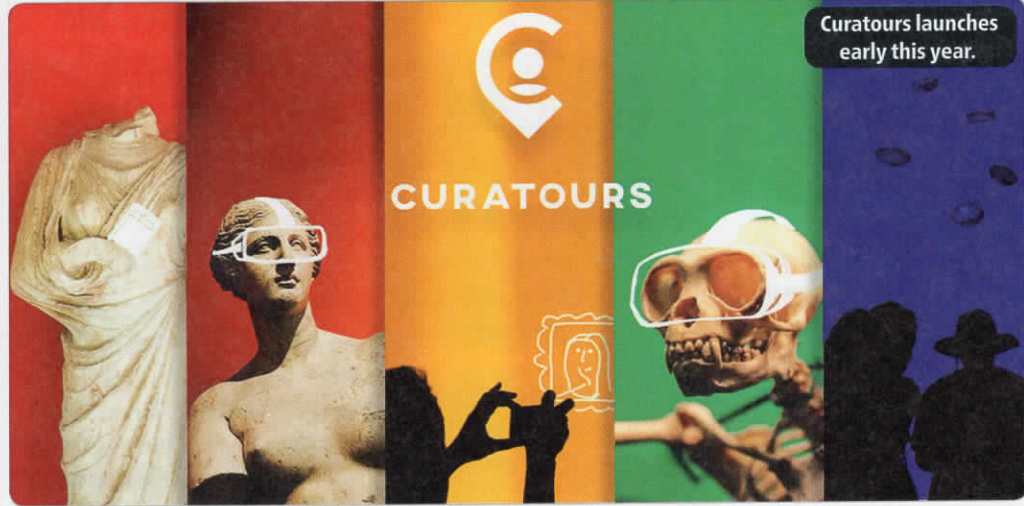
Could you make a great game about water? That's the task being set by a new challenge called Mobo Game Jam, which wants to use games to explore a future where everyone has access to clean water.

The contest is for eight to 18-year-olds and is in association with the charity WaterAid. Organisers want to see games based on the fact that 785 million people in the world don't live close to clean water. The question posed by the challenge is: "Games have the power to tell stories, solve problems and inspire

change – how would you harness this power to create a future where everyone has access to clean water?"

You can enter on your own or as part of a team. You can either build a working version of your game, if you have the coding skills, or send in a paper version explaining your idea.

The deadline for entries is 4 February, and to get you started there are some helpful videos on the contest's website at mobojam.org/resources



Curatours launches early this year.

Virtual museum visits for everyone

Lots of museums and art galleries have struggled to open during the pandemic but a new app will soon help people to visit them virtually instead. Curatours is being developed by a team based in West Yorkshire, England, and as its name suggests, it will be more than just a collection of images and videos when it launches early this year.

The app will offer users live tours with curators (the people who look after the museums' and galleries' collections), who will be talking and answering your questions. Curatours will also help friends and family to make their virtual visits

together, and chat about what they're seeing. As well as all that, there will be audio recordings and 3D performances to enjoy.

"Virtual tours can feel like a solitary one-way experience," says Emma Cooper, the Curatours project leader. "Curatours is our solution to this, making the experience a social one that can be shared with anyone, anywhere in the world."

National Trust Scotland and the Anne Frank House in the Netherlands have already been announced as the first partners for the app, as it prepares for launch.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

BLOB OPERA
tinyurl.com/TWJ-blobopera

These opera singers are a bit different: colourful blobs that you stretch up, down, left and right to change the notes and vowel sounds that they're singing. You can even record the songs you create to share with friends. It's brilliant fun.



SECRETS & HACKS

ANIMAL CROSSING TRANSFERS

You can now move Animal Crossing: New Horizons residents – or entire islands – from one Switch to another. Download Nintendo's new Island Transfer tool (tinyurl.com/TWJ-transfer) to start the process.



VIRAL VIDEO

COLOURS THAT DON'T EXIST
tinyurl.com/TWJ-colours

The science of colour is fascinating, and this video explains some of it, including the colours that exist, in theory, but that are impossible for us to see. "A green greener than any green that's ever greened", for example!

