
Planet or Plastic?

Global Warriors

Introduction

The plastic problem has gotten out of control. People have produced more than half of the plastic products in human history in the last 15 years. 2015, we had produced 6.9 billion tons of plastic waste, 9 percent recycled, 12 percent burned, and 79 percent buried or scattered in nature. Plastic does not decompose over time so much of our waste plastic ends up in the ocean. Most are never recycled and remain on our land and in our seas forever. At beginning, we did a survey about the amount of plastic that has been used in our school, the result was astonishing: 95% of student and faculty are consistently using plastic products and 60% of them never recycled. Therefore, we have come up with a project: We will be using old uniforms from our school and converted into eco-friendly tote bags, and sell them at stores in our community. Besides, the whole purpose is to be recycle and reduce the number of plastic bags in our community, and thereby we will also advocate and raise awareness of how plastic is damaging our planet by creating posters and connect ADEN (which is the food provider of our school) also the headmasters to eliminate plastic utensils and products that we used in our school and community. This project is mainly focused on Goal 14 and 15 which are Life below water (target 1: reduce marine pollutions) and Life on Land.



Results

Currently, we're now selling the tote bags that we made during last year and our school is already replaced all the plastic utensils and products with biodegradable utensils which is influenced by several presentations we did to spread the information. For the whole year, we're working with Roots and Shoots as they also working on a plastic

project, started by brainstorming until now, we actually accomplished what we planned and the beginning and took many actions to solve these issues. We developed our team work, communication and problem-solving skills throughout the process, despite we faced several challenges (e.g. limited support of money), but we have solved it successfully by working with Roots and Shoots. The whole team is working together over 365 days, we became more familiar with the topic and each other. What's more interesting is that the whole team actually stayed plastic-free for one month, to live a zero lifestyle or what's referred to as 'green living'. Stop from using plastics products is just one way we can work towards a more sustainable future and towards finding solutions for us all to go 100% plastic free, we have already record ourselves and publish the Vlog into our channel. Since we want to get more people engaged and involved in the activity, and we want inspire others by our actions. We started to establish a WeChat subscriptions and a website to share some recent events that we're going to host in the community. Moreover, we have started a club in school now that will continue make totes bags and we're also looking forwards to tackle more global issues. We also did several presentation in school to raise awareness. We're so proud of what we did so far, and we didn't thought at beginning when we started started the project that such a small idea can actually turn into a big project and influenced a lot of people so they start to realize importance of staying plastic-free. Even if we can't really solve Goal 14 and 15, but we already made a huge impact on our community, and once everybody take the action, they will eventually be a huge effect...

"Reject plastic, actions are done by ourselves!"



