



Reusing discarded scrap cloth to make something new and useful, giving it a new life and giving us a better tomorrow



SDGs

ACHIEVED

Our endeavor started as a result of our participation in a group public speaking competition (on climate change) hosted by Emirates Environment Group in the U.A.E. Our sheer hard-work, unique style of presentation and innovative approach towards remedies against climate change, helped us bag the first place. This increased our exposure towards various ideas to conveniently change the current dynamics regarding conservation.

We were also given an opportunity to suggest topics that could be used for future competitions. Our suggestion being fast fashion and its catastrophic effect on the planet sowed the seeds for the formation of our current project Rescrapped. We therefore decided on our own methodical approach on waste cloth management, instead of waiting for a plan of action by another party.

**Within School:**

By introducing our speech and ideas to our fellow peers using rush hour activities and interactive class to class campaigns, we gained massive ground support. Our team previously consisting of four of our current members increased to a noble team of 7 young leaders.

**1st Public Appearance:**

*The Winchester School, Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates*

**Total Cloth Recycled:  
15,000 cm<sup>2</sup> of scrap cloth**

We were invited to an exhibition & introduced our motto of Torque. We also conducted a Mini Workshop on sewing. Through our project, we enlightened the visitors on the topic of Waste Cloth Management & its hazardous effects.



**200 STUDENTS**  
Were part of our project

**50 POUCHES**  
were made by the students- which they got to take home

**SEED PAPER**  
Students were also given seed paper; A special eco-friendly paper embedded with fennel & chilli seeds.

*"A fun & interactive project! It shows that you all have taken initiative to get things going. I really hope your project takes off because I had a great time listening to you all"*  
- a student from The Winchester School

**OWNEX- School Exhibition**

Our first exposure to the parent community of our school as well as neighboring schools of other emirates, we were able to learn a lot and gain valuable feedback from both students and parents.

*"An excellent project- with far reaching implications. Good Job!"*  
- Mr. Riz Ahmed CFO Gems Education

**MR. RIZ AHMED**  
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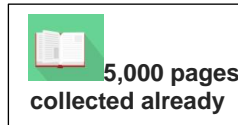
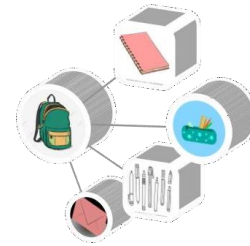
**OVER 15 POUCHES CREATED BY OUR VERY OWN!**

## Sustainable School Kits

We created a plan to make 100 school kits entirely out of things that would otherwise be thrown away. We got in touch with Save, Scrap and Sew to hold workshops and planned to get volunteers aid our project. However, due the COVID 19 outbreak, this project was put on hold.



- **NOTEBOOKS**- 2 notebooks (100 pages each) Pages are recycled- taken from incompletely filled notebooks we had collected. Book covers made from scrap cloth
- **1 CLOTH POUCH** - Stitched from scrap cloth
- **SCHOOL BAG** from scrap cloth
- **PENS** with a surprise-2 Ball pens with a little surprise (viable seeds)
- A special **MESSAGE** from us to the receiver



### SAVE, SCRAP & SEW

We got in touch with the U.A.E based organization- "Save, Scrap & Sew".

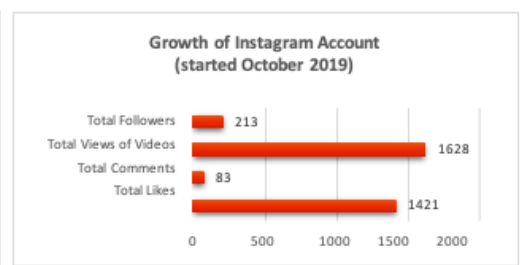
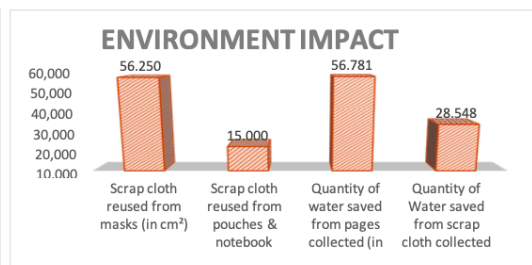
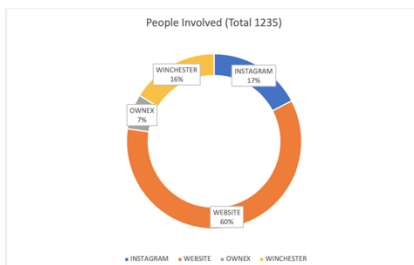
Its founder, Ms. Shambhavi Rajagopal, gave us some advice as to how to proceed with our campaign, and gave us a tutorial on making a bag to share with our followers.

## Social Media Campaign

Due to the ongoing medical emergency we found it difficult to initiate our initial plan of action; but we adapted to the changing environment and found another effective method to implement our aim. Cloth mask production under our #rescrapped campaign on our Instagram page invited a lot of attention towards our project.



## MEASURING IMPACT



Through our projects, we were able to reach over 1200 people, through our school exhibitions, website and Instagram page. Out of them, 320 participated directly in making cloth masks and pouches, while many others contributed to our project by giving us their scrap cloth and unused paper. We reused over 150cm<sup>2</sup> scrap cloth. Through our upcoming projects, we hope to **double** this impact.

We focused on the following specific targets of the Sustainable development goals:

**4.7** By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development

**12.5** By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

**13.3** Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

Looking at the results of our project, we can safely conclude that we have achieved these targets on a small scale.

## SKILLS GAINED

Through this project, we have gained organizational skills, and a better understanding community involvement. We learnt about sustainability and gained knowledge regarding conscious fashion as opposed to fast fashion.

*"By making these pouches, students gain skills of learning, management skills -time management and resource management- as well as knowledge of the basic stitches, types of textiles to be used, etc."*

-Sangeetha Krishna, Home Science teacher

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Resume 100 Sustainable School Kits project, with online Zoom classes in coordination with Save, Scrap and Sew.
- Rescrapped is collaborating with the upcoming international MUN conference, Quarantine Model United Nations 2020. On the day of the conference day, the 60 delegates from more than six different countries will be taking a pledge against fabric pollution, with the cloth masks that they have made with old scraps of cloth.
- Team Rescrapped will be conducting a Webinar in collaboration with India's largest youth led movement to conserve water- 'Why Waste' in May 2020 that will teach & encourage students to make notebooks, pouches and cloth masks all from scrap pieces of cloth.