



Cities Ripened SJI International Singapore



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Cities Ripened is a project that aims to educate our peers in Singapore and elsewhere about the importance of sustainability. Although Singapore has been hailed as an eco-city, we believe that more can be done to ensure a sustainable future.

A major problem in Singapore is food waste. We collaborated with an urban farm to learn more about sustainable farming practices. Our plan was to organise a workshop for elementary school students so that they could build their very own farm in school!



Our plans were derailed due to the COVID-19 crisis. We had to rethink our project plan. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise as we decided to develop an interactive online game that was played by both elementary school students and our family and friends from other schools / countries. This meant that we impacted even more people!



Learning to farm



Zoom discussions

**You then move to the fruits section for some bananas. Which option do you pick?
(Click the banana of your choice)**



6 bananas in a styrofoam box



A comb of 6 bananas without any packaging

Do bananas need to come in plastic?

Don't think that's the best option... Bananas already has its own natural packaging being the banana skin, not only it keeps the bananas clean from dirt around it but keeping it as a comb will help increase the shelf life of the banana as it is not taken off the comb like the one in the styrofoam packaging.



Snippets of the game

We also decided to educate even more people through our Instagram page with 240+ followers. We shared posts about sustainable organisations in Singapore, key terms relating to sustainability and how people can practise sustainability at home, even during lockdowns!



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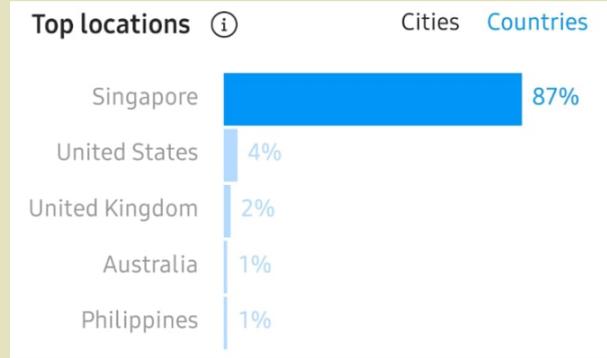
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A @globalsocialleaders team developing an interactive game to teach our peers about the importance of sustainability 🌍🌱💧

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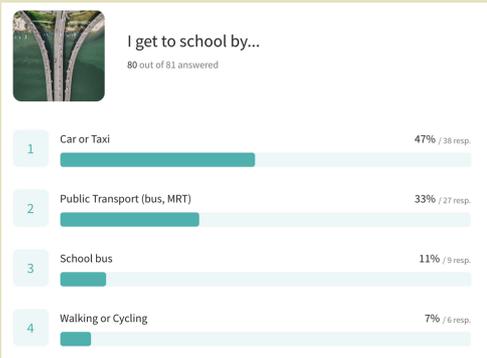
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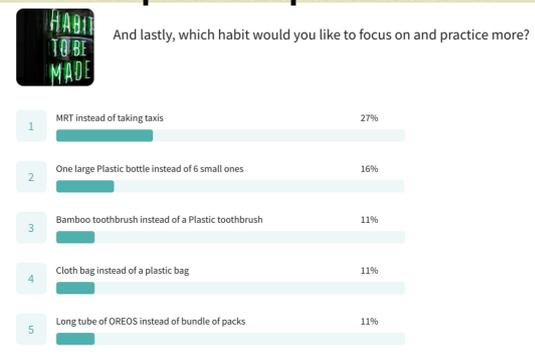


85 Elementary School students and 30 friends / family members played our game. Before and after playing it, they had to complete a survey about their sustainable habits. It was great to see how players decided to alter their habits after playing!

Before playing the game - most said that they travel to school by car / taxi



After playing the game - most respondents said that they would like to take public transport more often



Scan me to play!



- Collaborating with the urban farm and elementary school to gain experience and expand our network
- Keeping in touch through Zoom despite the lockdown
- Brainstorming alternative ideas
- Seeing our 'Plan B' gain success
- Seeing players learn valuable lessons from our game



The COVID-19 situation taught us that we must be flexible and always have a backup plan. When talking to teachers and other organisations, we learned professionalism and how to avoid miscommunications. Holding regular meetings were also important to ensure that everyone was on track with their delegated tasks.

SDGs we focused on

