



Global Social Leaders Competition

DRS International School India

Project: Waste Busters

We are 7 students from DRS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL – Hyderabad, India with our Teacher Ms. Janet Fanaian who introduced us to the Global Goals.

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We were led by our group leader, Ramkarthik, whose passion and focus for the cause motivated us to participate in Global Social Leaders Competition. The name ‘Waste Busters’ was christened by us collectively as we hope to bring social change and employ sustainable methods in our lives, the lives of our community and society at large. You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/globalleadersdrsis/>

Our project is inspired by United Nations Global Goal **12: ‘Responsible Consumption and Production’** & Goal **6: ‘Clean Water and Sanitation’**. During our research and planning stage, we observed wastage and lack of sanitation caused diseases, damage and lack of aesthetics in our surroundings. We want to reclaim what we are entitled to: A clean and beautiful earth and environment.

“We, the pupils of DRSIS aim to save the succeeding generations from the scourge of waste that has devastated our environment and to establish conditions under which cleanliness and beauty could be returned to our surroundings through promoting culture of Reduce, Repurpose, Refuse, Recycle & Reuse”

We faced several challenges and had to plan and implement a variety of activities such as:

1. To **reduce** and cut back on food waste, so that wastage of food products may be mitigated and prevented in our school canteen. We initiated the ‘No Food Waste’ propaganda and reminded everyone with the slogan ‘Eat right, No more, No less, Just don’t waste“
2. We calculated that the amount of food waste each day could feed **100** extra children. The campaign resulted in cut down of food waste by almost half (**210 Kg to 110 kg per day**)
3. We learned that, ‘**repurpose**’ means to use something for a different purpose from the one for which it was originally meant for. Therefore excess food waste was given for the cattle feed.

4. We **refused** and said ‘No’ to polystyrene and plastic cups and made environmentally conscious purchases.
5. We **recycle** kitchen trash/ vegetable peels into compost that yields high quality manure to enrich the garden soil.
6. We **sold** the excess compost after drying, filtering & packing it. Two time’s harvest of compost earned us money (**INR17000= £.189**) which we donated it to buy 100 blankets for the homeless and food for orphanage.
7. We also **reused** trash by finding a new way to use it so that we don't have to throw it out. Art & Craft department made a giant guitar out of old and waste wheels of the school buses along with many other art pieces for the gardens exhibits.
8. Our school community/ students brought waste papers and collaborated with **ITC Ltd** in their Schools’ program of ‘**Wellbeing Out of Waste**’ initiative (**ITC-WOW Clubs**). Four tons of waste paper was shredded and given to ITC in place of which we received 33 reams of white paper and stationary. Our school won the ‘**Green Championship Award**’ & ‘**Green School Program Certificate**’
9. Finally, nothing is more appreciable than a clean and green surrounding. We organized ‘Cleanliness Drive’ along with the **IBDP** students & **DRSIS Interact Club**. We got rid of the garbage accumulated right outside the school. People from the neighborhood also got motivated and came out to help.
10. We learned that our small acts when multiplied can make an impact on the lives of many. **7 Global Leaders involved 147 people, impacted directly and indirectly more than 1000 people over 2060 hours in 5 months.**
11. The **challenge** we faced was ants attack in compost pit which we solved it organically. The Municipality refused to clean around our school. So, we have undertaken this responsibility with pleasure. Along with our school community we learned that service is a joy not a burden.



- Kanupriya: “After working in the GSL project I have learned to have courage and take initiative, no matter how gigantic the targets of Global Goals maybe”
- Ananya Shree “If we want to create wave of change a ripple of initiative is needed to start”
- Vidhi Jain: “Global leadership is not just about being in charge, but about dedication, communication, teamwork and service”
- Kartheek “I learned to be leader we need to free our mind and think in the right direction.