



85 Climate Justice Ambassadors will take the role to Promote-Stop Talking- Start Planting Plant-for-the-Planet Academy organized by SynergY plant 120 trees at Landfill in Dubai

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Celebrating the Earth Week 2013 in UAE, SynergY Youth Group after months of thoughtful planning and preparation successfully organized a Plant-for-the-Planet Academy at The Address Dubai Marina Hotel on Saturday 20th April 2013. **“Stop talking. Start planting.”** promoted by **SynergY Founder Simran Vedvyas**, a 14 year old student found support of Dubai Municipality for the green initiative of **SynergY to plant trees at the Landfill with Purpose.**

85 Youth and Children from more than 15 schools and institutions from Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi conducted the day-long event and planted a total of 120 trees near the landfill with purpose to educate the youth about landfills being an evil necessity currently, which need to be reduced faster than ever before on one hand and on the other providing more oxygen by planting trees near the area to reduce the toxins and their effects. SynergY, with local support arranged for digging the pits two days in advance to facilitate effective planting at the site and arranging a special watering pipeline which will use treated waste water only to the site so as to ensure the survival rate of these trees.

The Academy event venue ‘The Address Dubai Marina’ gave the young generation a celebrated chance to synergize their potential by indulging in planting trees, learning about climate change, team-building, aspiring and planning to move forward in days to come for contributing in shaping the Green Economy initiative of Dubai, UAE. The day started with the Registrations and ‘Meet and greet’ followed by a welcome address by **Simran Vedvyas – the Academy Organizer**. The participants then boarded the pre-arranged buses escorted by few adults on each bus ensuring the safety. The Trees we planted with great enthusiasm seen and then the team returned back to the hotel. At the beautiful Constellation Ballroom the presentation about Climate Crises was done by Simran followed by the Film on ‘Plant-for-the-Planet’ and then ‘The Man who Planted Trees’. The presentation was inspiring and interesting and then everyone had a sumptuous lunch. After the Lunch some energizers, world café games and Climate Quiz were conducted. All the participants also marked their presence by putting up **“Green Imprints”**. The Organizer chose to name the 9 teams; as **‘Endangered Trees’**- Elm, Bamboo, Ghaf, Banyan, Oak, Pine, Willow, Mangrove and Acacia. Elm team scored the maximum points and was declared the winning team. However the enthusiasm of all the teams was great and the Ballroom could see flags raised to answer the questions. The participants were enthused and stimulated as the event became livelier during the Grand Finale with SynergY members and participants’ along with the supporters and invited guests drumming freely and believing that the world needs – **‘Unity though Rhythm’**, supported by Dubai Drums. The Future Action Planning was thoughtfully conducted and the SynergY Club Members unified to work together in future. Some of the participants willingly also made small donations for the initiative. A young participant also offered an Italian Opera Earth Rendition.

The event concluded after scores of Climate Justice Ambassadors were awarded their Certificates from Plant-for-the-Planet endorsed by UNEP and organized by SynergyY.

Plant-for-the-Planet as we all know is a global children's initiative through which children generate awareness among other children by enlightening them about climate crisis and environmental protection urging them to take action by planting more and more trees. It is also an endeavor of the children to sensitize the adults while they talk; by saying: **“Stop talking. Start planting.”** So in Dubai this wave was created well with the help and support of friendly media.

Commenting as one of her dreams ‘to conduct a successful Plant- for-the-Planet Academy of this big magnitude’ being fulfilled today; -**Simran Vedvyas, the Founder and Chairperson of SynergyY** said **‘Planting Trees is the ultimate and definitive joy and we are happy to join the powerful global family and enter our count of trees through the tree counter at Plant-for-the-planet. An event like this cannot happen overnight. The wheels start rolling weeks ago. It requires planning and a bird’s eye for details and I thank everyone involved for their support.’**

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PLANT A TREE, REVERSE CLIMATE CHANGE

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DUBAI: Celebrating the Earth Week 2013 in UAE, SynergY Youth Group organised a Plant-for-the-Planet Academy in Dubai on Saturday.

Plant-for-the-Planet is a global children's initiative through which children generate awareness among other children by enlightening them about climate crisis and environmental protection urging them to take action by planting more and more trees.

It was also an endeavour of the children to sensitise the adults by saying: "Stop talking. Start planting."

In the UAE, it has emerged as the leading academy constituted

with the purpose of educating youth and community about planting trees near landfills.

Youth and children spanning across a dozen schools and institutions conducted a day-long event giving the younger generation a celebrated chance to synergise their potential by indulging in planting trees and learning about climate change.

The full day academy was inspiring and interesting and the event became livelier during the Grand Finale as SynergY members and participants along with the supporters and invited guests went drumming freely and believing that the world needs "Unity though Rhythm," supported by the Dubai Drums.

Simran Vedvyas, founder and

chairperson of SynergY, said that it was her dream to conduct a successful Plant-for-the-Planet Academy of this big magnitude.

"In a Plant-for-the-Planet Academy, children and youth demonstrate that we will not accept the climate crisis, and that we wish to take responsibility at a global level to effect change and improve the future of our country and the world.

"As part of a world network of global citizens, we the children and youth are able to achieve great things in the battle for climate justice," she said.

"Planting trees is the ultimate and definitive joy and we are happy to join the powerful global family and enter our count of trees through the tree counter at Plant-for-the-Planet," she added.



Students from 15 schools planted 120 trees at a landfill in Dubai on Saturday.

Green cover to clean up air at Jebel Ali landfill

SCHEME PART OF PLANT-FOR-THE-PLANET CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE TO MARK EARTH DAY 2013

DUBAI

By JANICE PONCE DE LEON
Staff Reporter

In just six months, the 120 damas trees that 60 young people from all over the UAE planted at the Jebel Ali Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility yesterday will help bring more fresh air and green protection to the area.

Synergy, a youth organisation in the UAE, led the tree planting activity with the support of Engineer Abdul Majeed Saifaie, director of the Waste Management Department (WMD) of Dubai Municipality, to observe Earth Week 2013. The event was organised as part of Plant-for-the-Planet, a global children's initiative to plant one million trees in each country.

Sandstorm barrier

"The reason why we selected this landfill as the venue for the activity is that we need more greenery and more fresh air here because we treat hazardous waste – both industrial and medical," Hussain Gulam, head of Administration and Support, WMD, at Dubai Municipality, told *Gulf News*.

"The trees will also serve as a barrier during sandstorms. This will somehow block the strong wind that carries dust towards the buildings, blocking the air-conditioning units," he added.

The damas trees, provided by Super Galvanising Dubai,



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Young eco-warriors

Sixty young people planted 120 damas trees at the Jebel Ali landfill. The trees will serve as a barrier during sandstorms and keep air-conditioning units in nearby buildings dust-free.



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Simran Vedvyas | Synergy chairman

are good absorbers of carbon dioxide and are a good source of oxygen. They thrive in desert conditions and grow rela-

tively fast. Water pipelines were installed through the help of Green Creations.

Simran Vedvyas, Synergy

chairman who led the initiative, said it is imperative for the youth to pitch in for the planet now.

"I feel each one of us has a responsibility for our planet. We are more aware of what goes on around us. We must apply that knowledge in terms of keeping our world in a better state, towards working for a sustainable future," Vedvyas, 14, told *Gulf News*.

Ten-year-old Athina Bohner designed a T-shirt for the event.

Youngsters gearing up for Earth Week

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In recent times, youngsters in the country have been taking conservation of the environment very seriously, leaving behind a trail of inspiration for the older generation.


Synergy





Students participating in a tree planting ceremony at a landfill in Jebel Ali on Saturday. — Supplied photo

Gearing up for Earth Week

Youngsters in the UAE are becoming increasingly environmentally conscious

Dhanusha Gokulan

DUBAI — In recent times, youngsters in the country have been taking conservation of the environment very seriously, leaving behind a trail of inspiration for the older generation.

On Saturday, April 20, SynergyY also organised a 'Plant-for-the-Planet Academy' in a Landfill in Jebel Ali, Dubai. Plant-for-the-Planet is a global children's initiative through which children generate awareness among other children by enlightening them about climate crisis and environmental protection, urging them to take action by planting more and more trees.

The event was supported by Dubai Municipality Waste Management Department director Abdul Majeed Saifaie, who encouraged SynergyY to plant trees at the Landfill with Purpose — a site in Jebel Ali. While on the visit, the youths learnt about the need for landfills.

Youth and children spanning a dozen schools and institutions conducted the day-long event giving the young generation a chance to

plant trees, learn about climate change, and discuss shaping the Green Economy initiative of Dubai.

Referring to the careful consideration needed when planning such an event, SynergyY member and student Sayyeda Zahra said: "Events like this cannot happen overnight. The wheels start rolling weeks ago. It requires planning and a bird's eye for detail."

SynergyY spokesperson Muskaan Sharma said the support along the way made the planting initiative a success: "(We had) support from Super Galvanising Dubai and Green Creations who arranged and assisted in digging the pits two days in advance to facilitate effective planting at the site. The encouragement and support was further strengthened, as the organisation shared responsibility of arranging a special watering pipeline to the site so as to ensure the survival rate of these trees."

Speaking passionately about the work of SynergyY, Founder and Chairperson Simran Vedvyas said: "In a Plant-for-the-Planet Academy, children and youth demonstrate that we will not accept the climate crisis, and that we wish to take responsibility, at a global level,

to effect change and improve the future of our country and the world. As part of a world network of global citizens, we, the children and youth, are able to achieve great things in the battle for climate justice."

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Edited Report with relevant matter about Synergy

SynergyY

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UAE youths embrace tree-planting scheme

120 trees to be planted at Jebel Ali landfill for Earth Week 2013

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GULF NEWS



Dubai: Around 70 youths from all over the UAE will be planting trees at a landfill in Jebel Ali on Saturday in celebration of Earth Week 2013.

Synergy, a group of 50 youths aged between 10 to 17 in the UAE, will plant 120 trees at the Jebel Ali Landfill Project with the support of the Dubai Municipality. The event is being held as part of the Plant-for-the-Planet, a children's initiative worldwide.

"We need to understand that landfills are an evil necessity of the society. Since this landfill is in its early stage, it's best to plant trees near the landfill to give more oxygen in the area and thereby reduce the effects of gases emitted by the trash," Simran Vedvyas, Synergy chairperson, told Gulf News.

After the tree-planting event, the group will tour the landfill along with DM officials. Participants will also be asked to pledge their support for the campaign toward environmental awareness and sustainable development.

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***The Earth Needs
to be
Greener***



I WISH TO PROMOTE & ENGAGE AS MANY CLIMATE JUSTICE AMBASSADORS AS I CAN INFLUENCE WITH MY ENTHUSIASM & ENCOURAGE THEM TO PLANT MANY TREES



***I wish to
Open the
door &
lead
them to
Nature***



PURPOSE MESSAGE- FROM THE ACADEMY ORGANIZER- SIMRAN VEDVYAS



WELCOME ADDRESS AND MEET & GREET- SYNERGY ORGANIZED ACADEMY 20 4 2013

Academy Organizer- Simran Vedvyas



A LOT OF HARD WORK AND MONTHS OF PLANNING RESULTED IN PERFECT RESULTS

SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATIONS



WE WILL BE THE CHANGE AND WE ASPIRE TO BE THE BEST CLIMATE JUSTICE AMBASSADORS



Some of the many Participants



A SPECIAL PIPELINE HAS BEEN FACILITATED TO ENSURE THAT THE TREES ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OFF IN THIS LANDFILL AREA

The team still wanted to water the trees while they were there



Scores of Participants Spread over the pits and planted 120 trees spread across a big area



We had lot of fun planting together



We all supported each other and helped plant trees



120 trees spread across a big area



Youth stood together- many nationalities – variant age- different cultures NO BARRIERS



WE ALL ARE PROUD TO PARTICIPATE



The watering Pipeline especially instilled at the remote venue was tuned on as we plated the trees. These trees will grow well soon as the water used for irrigating them is recycled and treated waste water and no fresh water is being used for the purpose. We Synergy members have put in a lot of effort, time and resources to make this happen and that is the reason that Synergy was awarded an Appreciation Award for the Green Initiative and Forward thinking



Presentation- The Climate Crises



Unity Through Rhythm- Drumming for Mother Earth



Drumming for Mother Earth in Harmony- this was the greatest Unity

Our Green Imprints



OUR EXCITING CLIMATE QUIZ





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