

COE Chapter Leader UAE initiates and unites many Youth and Children

Digging, Planting, Learning during UAE National Environment Week 2013

SynergY celebrates UAE National Environment Week 2013 by planting trees at TADWEER

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Socially Yearning Network for Environment, Reach-out, Growth Youth, a group of young students from various institutions across UAE have been working with the sole purpose to support various environment trepidations. SynergY is the initiative started by none other than the COE Chapter Leader UAE- Simran Vedvyas.

Shored up by Tadweer, *the Echo of the Environment* and Dubai Municipality, together celebrated the U.A.E. National Environment Day 2013 on Saturday making the best use of their day-off from schools, by planting trees and taking a tour of TADWEER facility; getting a better insight into waste management and pledging to contribute their best by advocating that everyone must adopt an Eco-lifestyle.

Under the patronage of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, every year the country marks the National Environment Day on February 4 to highlight and galvanize public action and awareness about one of the key environmental issues in the UAE. The National Environment Day supports the spirit of individual and collective initiatives and responsibility among all segments of the society on environmental issues.

Dubai is a leading city that is committed to raise the environmental quality standards by generating initiatives and best practices across the region. Towards this direction, Tadweer is the first company in the region to pioneer in waste management solution applications for producing alternative fuel and green products and also to support environment leadership.

Simran Vedvyas, the founder of SynergY and UAE's youngest Torch Bearer who brought pride to the nation by carrying the London Olympic Torch 2012 reaffirmed the pledge by saying – *'We youth are the next Champions. The Challenge today is to adopt more sustainable lifestyles. Each one of us has a responsibility to live peacefully without jeopardizing the natural resources. We need to act now by convening, converging and collaborating'*. Simran is a student of The Millennium School Dubai, UAE. Simran is well known in the community today for her contribution to environment, and health initiatives.

Twice the winner of Sheikh Hamdan Award and Sharjah Award for Educational Excellence in 2012 and 2009-2008; Simran has shouldered a big responsibility of this noble cause which will inspire and motivate many students to gain a more sustainable society.

Present during the event Mr. Haitham Shaqwara, General Manager from Tadweer motivated the group by emphasizing *'the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling of waste. We are also thankful to Eng. Abdul Majeed Saifaie, Director- Waste Management Department for his kind support and guidance for this global environment & waste management cause'*.

On the one hand Aishwarya Shetty a student from Our Own English High School Sharjah considered that-*'Planting and caring for seedling trees helps young people to learn about the natural world and the value of trees in it'* and on the other Ananya Jain who studies at Dubai International Academy promised to *take back the days' learning to use in her project work and share it with her friends too.* Zaid Haddadin, who studies at the Repton School, Dubai and aspires to be a Software Engineer felt content planting the tree and understanding the importance of reducing waste too. Sayedda Zahra, studies in Indian High School and has participated in Dubai Earth Hour, Recycling events and walks regularly

Touring the factory, the youngsters got an opportunity to see the process of solid waste sorting and recycling, understanding the sorting process and end products. This event is a testimony of Tadweer's mission that goes beyond the commercial purposes and aims at creating and establishing a quality environment through educational partnerships and leadership, increasing waste reduction, recycling and resource conservation. Such innovative participation will certainly put UAE on the path of zero waste generation, and will turn solid waste from a burden to a resource and also contribute in reducing carbon foot print.

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Volunteers have been busy brightening up the UAE ahead of National Environment Day on Monday.

Staff from UAE salon chain Tips & Toes (above), working with Goumbook on Its Give a Ghaf Tree Planting Programme, planted 1,933 seeds at the Al Barari Plant Nursery in Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, over the weekend.

Tina Ghafurian, the firm's general manager, said: "We are looking forward to the growth of these trees so that they can contribute towards parks, schools and other urban communities within the UAE that are in need of shade and greenery."



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Meanwhile, youth group SynergY toured the facilities of Tadweer on Saturday to get an insight into waste management and then planted trees at the site.

Simran Vedvyas, founder of SynergY, said: "We youth are the next champions. The challenge is to adopt more sustainable lifestyles."

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