

GREENLIGHT CLUB

Lenana School, Nairobi, Kenya

History

Greenlight Club was founded in October 2014 by a group of seven pupils from Form Three, Two and One, with an aim of making the school and its environs an environmentally friendly area.

Membership

Membership of the club is free and voluntary.

The club's activities have ensured an increase in members as the club now has 98 members, making it the biggest in the school.

Partnership

The club's projects have been facilitated by the partnership between the club and A Rocha Kenya.

The organisation has been able to help with the distribution of the various resources that we may need e.g. dustbins, gloves, stationery.

The organisation has been able to raise the members' morale and make them discover that they can make a change in the environmental sector.

Projects

The club's projects have been done according to the problems faced at the school, with reference to the UN.

[a] Educational Project

This involved educating the students and staff about the importance of their environment and the consequences of not preserving it.

This was done through:

1. Information on the notice boards;
2. Face to face communication during assemblies and classes;
3. Offering booklets about the environment to the school.

[b] Waste Management Project

The school had a big problem whereby students would litter everywhere in the school compound with waste [both renewable and non renewable].

To solve this problem we placed dustbins around the school that we made from old jerry cans.

The idea of separating the waste and recycling it arose. We have overcome this in part by using big bins for collecting paper, which we have modified so that they can be attached to trees and therefore stay in place.

This has led to the school being listed as the cleanest public school in the county!



[c] Planting Trees

Since the school is located in a forested area, the urge to plant more trees arose. The club has so far planted about 2,000 seedlings of which about 95% have survived. We are aware that many newly planted tree seedlings do not survive, so the club has made the care of these seedlings a priority.

[d] Beautification Project

This was aimed at beautifying the school by planting flowers around the school compound.



Challenges faced

[a] Time

As students we have little time to spend on the club's activities

[b] Administration

The school administration has not been supporting us fully. It has been cutting down trees for firewood.

[c] Members' Knowledge

Most of our members do not have sufficient knowledge about the environment, but we are learning!

The club hopes to do more, not only at the school level. Since we come from different places, we are able to be ambassadors of the club and for the environment in many different parts of Kenya.



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