

# 2019 UNAAWA GLOBAL GOALS CHALLENGE FINALIST PROJECT

## **ENTRANT:**

Duncraig SHS Year 10 students: Annika Luinstra, Freya Larchet, Kayla Gent

## **PROJECT TITLE:**

Three Girls Going Green

## **GLOBAL GOALS:**

SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production (main focus)

SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

## **DESCRIPTION:**

The school is implementing the *UNAAWA Global Citizenship and Sustainability* WACE-endorsed program. The entry in the Global Goals Challenge is part of the process to assure the quality of program delivery. The three students:

- Identified how they could make a difference in their community. "We were passionate about becoming involved in the UN Sustainable Goals and joining the effort to try and create a happy and healthy earth to pass on to our children."
- Surveyed students and identified a lack of awareness of recycling in the community.
- Through posters, videos and slideshows, raised awareness in the school community of the importance of recycling.
- Identified GreenBatch as a recycling program that could be introduced in their school.
- Visited the GreenBatch facilities.
- Submitted a fundraising proposal through the school's Student Services Manager. Discussed options with other teachers.
- Assisted in organizing a school incursion.
- Recorded their progress in applying the design process through a blog.
- The new recycling bin system is currently up and running, with large amounts of plastic and cans being collected. When we've filled six bin bags, GreenBatch collects them and we start again, collecting more plastic. The plastic taken back to the GreenBatch facility is then recycled into 3D printer filament we can use at the school.

## **REFLECTIONS**

### **WWW** [*What Worked Well?*]

- Reaching out to GreenBatch staff and other experts to raise awareness and help design the plan.
- Community involvement by using feedback from peers and teachers.

### **EBI [Even Better If...]**

- We had contacted school Student Services earlier to learn the limits on raising funds in the school. Understanding how the school decision-making system works.

### **Advice for Next Year's Challenge Students**

- Address a goal you are truly passionate about and go for it. With a focussed mindset and a level-head, you can accomplish a lot more than you realise.
- Almost equally important as this is to use the resources available to you. Talk to teachers, parents, reach out to organizations and see if you can aid their cause.
- Don't give up if you have some problems, address them and try to continue, and if this is too hard, change your focus but don't stop trying to make a change.
- Within a matter of months, our team was able to implement an all-new recycling program to the school and educate our community. With a bit of work and time from all of the people who participate, we can instigate change and make a difference.

### **LEAD TEACHERS:**

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