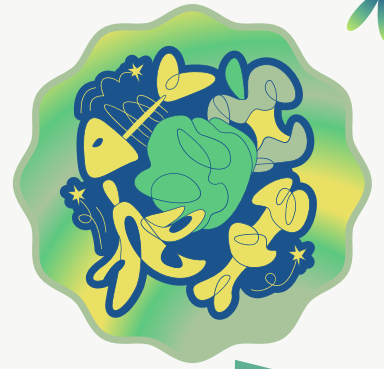


PROJECT WINGS



About

Project Wings is based in Bukit Lawang, located in Sumatra. Project Wings focuses on sustainability and community empowerment. The project is dedicated to finding eco-friendly solutions, such as building the world's largest plastic waste village (the Recycling Village), while providing education and sustainable opportunities for all the (plastic) waste in the local community. By combining environmental awareness with social impact, Project Wings aims to inspire change and create a brighter future for both people and nature.



Highlights

We did a lot of different things every week. So that's why we want to share our weekly highlights:



First 2 weeks

We joined the "normal" volunteering program to learn and experience all different projects within Project Wings.

Week 3

We helped preparing for the opening event of the Recycling Village.

Week 4

We had various meetings to discuss our project ideas with the German and Indonesian team of Project Wings.

Week 5

Christmas & discovering other places in Indonesia.

Week 6

- Making concept ideas for our self-created games.
- Joining volunteers activities such as the weekly clean-up.

Week 7

- Working out the games and collaborate with local employees of Project Wings for making games with recycled materials and stilts out of bamboo.
- Creating concepts for furniture ideas for in the new building in the Recycling Village.

Week 8

- We had to leave Indonesia because for renewing our visa. For this we went to Bangkok.
- We kept in contact with Project Wings to continue the progress of our project.

Week 9

- We finished our self-created games.
- We bought furniture in Medan for the Marketplace in progress (it is located in the new building).
- We bought useful materials such as pencils for the children of the Green class & English class from Project Wings.

Week 10

- We explained our games to the volunteers and the teacher of the education department. The teacher can now play the games with the children.
- We decorated the new building with the new furniture we bought.
- We handed over the new materials to the education department of Project Wings.



Outcomes

- We made games to make education more interactive and playful.
- From the fundraising we bought:
 1. Furniture to enhance the progress of the Marketplace in progress.
 2. Materials for education to enhance their resources and improve the quality of education.
- We designed stilts and asked a 'Bambo designer' to make them, for social cohesion and playfulness of the Recycling Village.
- We helped improving the Recycling Village: building on the Marketplace and fixing the road to the village. And we fixed the football field from the Recycling Village.
- We did a weekly clean-up in Bukit Lawang to create awareness about plastic waste and to reduce the plastic waste in Bukit Lawang.
- We surrounded ourselves with locals and learned about this culture to integrate in this community.
- We met a lot of different people with different backgrounds: locals, the staff from Project Wings and volunteers from around the world.



Recommendations

- Using Ecobricks not only for walls but also for making furniture, so to make more use out of Ecobricks.
- The building for the Marketplace is almost finished. Working out the purpose of the building and the idea of the Marketplace would be a relevant action.
- To give more attention to concentration practices in English class and Green class. This can give more focus in the lessons.
- Improving visibility of the recycling village and what you can do there. With this it will be more clear for tourists and locals. For example: designing a clear sign to hang in front of the Recycling Village and a sign of the Recycling Village on Google Maps with information and photos of Project Wings.

"Find a way not an excuse"



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Conclusion

We supported in the improvement of Project Wings. We contributed in education and visibility. With our recommendations we think more improvements can be made in the different parts of Project Wings in the future. With the assets we had, we delivered various products to help Project Wings grow. We gained a deeper understanding of the culture and their way of working. With our recommendations we hope that this wonderful project can keep on growing. We are very thankful that we joined this project and that we met all these lovely and creative people in and around Project Wings.



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