

NEWSLETTER

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2015 A HISTORIC YEAR





Editor's Note

2015 was a historic year in more ways than one with reference to sustainable development. It marked the end of the Millennium Development Goals , set out 15 years ago in the year 2000. The year also marked the formal adoption the successor Sustainable Development Goals , a set of 17 ambitious goals which the global fraternity targets to achieve by the year 2030.

After successive years of inconclusive negotiations on reducing carbon emissions, the Paris Summit held in December, finally resulted in an agreement on combatting climate change. Green Hope continued to be involved in all these negotiation processes, throughout the year, voicing the needs and aspirations of Future Generations , through ground level action projects , taking definitive steps to realise

The Future We Want

..... *Kehkashan Basu*

Relief materials for Nepal Earthquake



**We work
to realise a
life of dignity
for all....**



Labour camp handouts

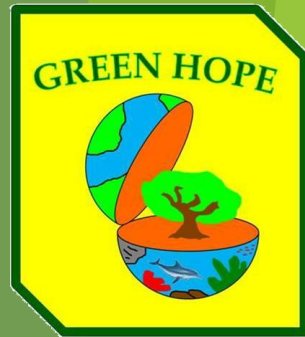


Throughout the year , Green Hope worked on making a difference to the lives of the underprivileged and those affected by natural disasters and conflict. We sent relief materials to the Nepal earthquake victims, packed books and school supplies for Palestinian children , held a charity cricket match for workers and organized several handouts for labourers , including one in the holy month of Ramadan.

Charity Cricket Match for workers



**Giving back
to society
and making a
difference...**



**Our members participated actively in
Dubai Cares campaign “Rebuild
Palestine.Start with Education”**



Transitioning from MDGs to SDGs: Engaging Youth

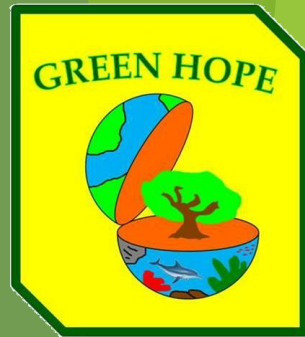
United Nations Headquarters
2-3 February

#YOUTH2015

The 4th ECOSOC Youth Forum at the United Nations in New York which was organized with the overarching vision of being a stepping stone towards enhanced youth involvement in the transition from the MDGs to the SDG. It sought to accelerate the process of engagement through youth involvement in agenda setting, policy making and implementation. The forum was held over the course of two days and spanned five sessions.



ENVIRONMENT ACADEMIES



**CAPACITY
BUILDING ,
EMPOWERMENT
THROUGH
ENGAGEMENT**

At Green Hope, our work focusses on creating awareness in civil society through our environmental academies. Throughout 2015, we held several academies, reaching out to hundreds of young people of our region, educating and empowering them to take grassroots action to mitigate the environmental challenges.

At Green Hope, we believe that every child has a fundamental right to education and that education holds the key to achieving sustainable development. In many parts of the world, girls do not have access to education and most of our action projects seek to address this issue. We sent books and stationery to a remote girls' school in West Bengal, India and also conducted a workshop to spread awareness on sustainable development and how each member of civil could and should make a difference in achieving the future we want.



Green Hope conducts its first ever side event at the United Nations in New York , in collaboration with IDEAS for US



29TH JULY 2015 SIDE EVENT RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

SPEAKERS

Ms.Shannon O'Shea UNICEF	Mr.Ravi Karkara UN Women	Mr.Jorge Laguna Celis UNEP
Ms.Lindsay Ashby WEF	Ms.Isis Alvarez GFC	Mr.Diego Martinez-Schutt CAFOD
Mr.Liam O'Doherty TIG	Mr.Gordian Raacke reLI	Ms.Emilia Reyes Equidad
	Mr.Clayton Ferrara IDEAS for US	

Room #5 UN H.Q.

Time: 1.15 - 2.45pm

Focusing on the thematic area of energy, this side event will emphasize the overarching need to shift to renewable energy, through youth action, for the benefit of future generations.

Hosted by:
"IDEAS for US"
&
"Green Hope UAE"

Moderated by:
Kehkashan Basu
Founder President Green Hope

IDEAS is a global community of young leaders tackling humanity's greatest environmental problems through direct action & awareness.

Green Hope is a youth led organization working for future justice through sustainable development.

Invitation – Climate Change Conference



COP Empowering youth
climate change makers
around the world
In [MyCity]
Paris in Dubai

The devastating effects of climate change have put the future of our planet at risk.

In December 2015, all roads will lead to Paris as global leaders will meet to negotiate strategies on emission cuts. We, Children and Youth, are the “Future Generation”, and need to play a pivotal role in influencing these strategies on mitigating climate change.

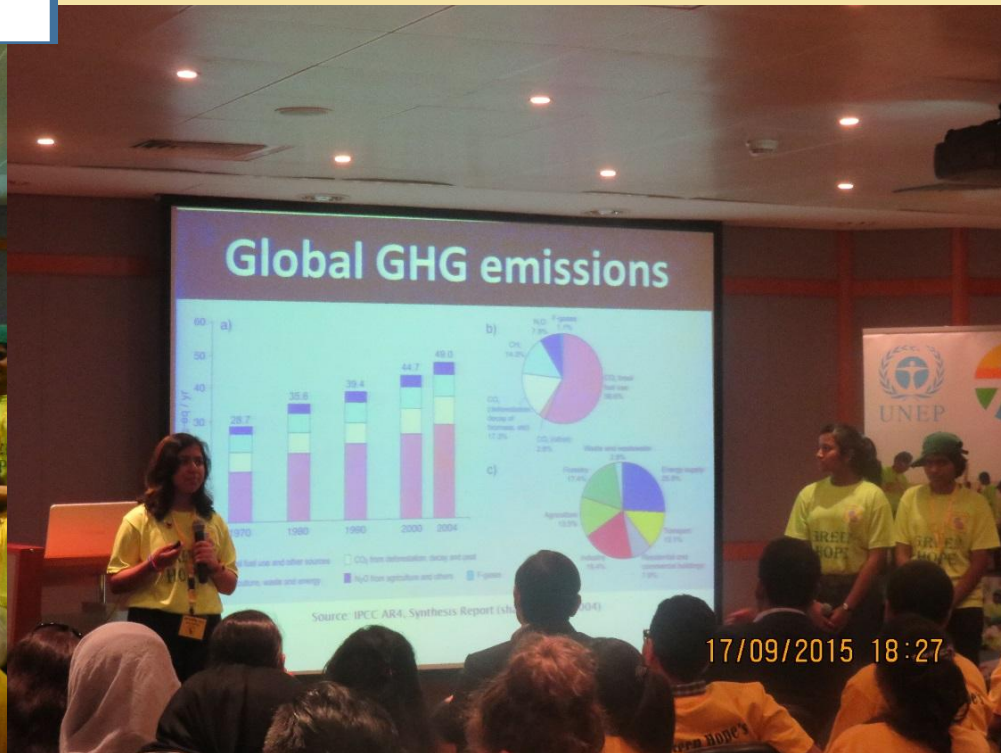
Join Green Hope's Climate Change Conference
&
Be the change.

Venue:

Emarat Atrium
Shaikh Zayed Road

Date : 17th September, 2015
Time : 5 pm to 8.30pm

Green Hope partnered with “COP in MyCity” which is a youth-led project seeking to bridge the gap between climate negotiations and youth in order to inspire climate actions in all cities of the world by fostering education and action about climate change locally and by creating an international community of change-makers. We held a Climate Change Conference, titled “Paris in Dubai”, conducting negotiation simulations and raised youth awareness and consensus on the climate change process.



United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015

25 - 27 September 2015, New York

Green Hope was privileged to attend the UN Sustainable Development Summit. 193 youth were chosen from across the world to be a part of the youth delegation, each representing one of the 193 countries that are members of the UN. This historic summit formally adopted the 17 sustainable development goals, ushering in the post 2015 agenda.





SDG2030 - The First Steps

Green Hope, conducted an epoch, day long, conference titled “SDG2030 – The first steps” in Dubai on 7th November with the overarching objective of creating awareness amongst the local youth fraternity about the SDGs and engage them in their implementation. 250 youth environmentalists from schools across the UAE & Oman attended this conference and called for greater youth empowerment & involvement in the implementation process since it was their future that was at stake. 300 trees were planted at this event.

The Green Hope team worked on a project for the John Muir Award which “*encourages people to connect with, enjoy, and care for wild places*”. It was a huge learning experience for the participants while resulting in biodiversity conservation.



The Green Hope team kayaked to the mangrove belt located off the coastline.



Our team went deep into the mangroves collecting several bags of litter which were choking the mangrove roots, killing the plants.



Awareness workshop in progress.



On the second field trip to another mangrove belt, we cleaned the algae which, unless removed, grows around the roots and chokes them.

Our objective was to conserve the mangrove belts on the coasts of the UAE and protect this fragile ecosystem. A lot of trash and litter gets thrown on the beaches and these get washed onto the surrounding mangroves, choking and killing them. The Green Hope team held an awareness workshop, conducted field trips, kayaking into one of the mangrove belts, cleaned up the litter and also the algae which chokes the roots, thus aiding in the conservation of the mangroves.



Goal 5 of the SDGs is about achieving “Gender Equality”. This is also one of Green Hope’s key campaign areas and we took our message to the European Union Parliament in Brussels, speaking at a session held during the 2015 European Week of Action for Girls.

The 2015 World Bank Youth Summit held in Washington DC sought to focus on young people’s role in the fight against climate change. The event’s objective was to gather exceptional future leaders to tell the story of climate change and inspire communities everywhere to take action. The Green Hope journey was shared at this summit with other youth leaders.



LIGHTING UP LIVES

In one of our most impactful projects, we travelled to the desolate Rann of Kutch in the Indian state of Gujarat and distributed solar lamps to the salt pan workers. For the first time in their lives, their huts were lit up at night, with the help of these solar powered lamps. We also conducted a sustainability workshop at the village school and planted 30 *Jatropha* trees.



COMMUNITY IMPACT



We bid adieu to 2015 by hosting a Charity Football Tournament. The participants were the invisible heroes of our community ... janitors, gardeners, cleaners ... who work tirelessly in the background to make our lives comfortable. This was our way of acknowledging their immense contribution and ensuring that Green Hope continues to bring to life its belief of leaving no one behind as we march towards sustainability.