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Ecological Garbage Collection Project Launched at Schools

The ecological garbage collection project focusing on ecological awareness was launched in Ukraine during March 2018. The primary objective for this campaign is to increase ecological awareness of junior high school children. Implementation stages can be ordered as follows: 1) to give children practical skills of proper handling of rubbish. 2) to sort the waste in proper manner and 3) to sell the secondary raw materials. Via the third step, children will be able to earn some profit to afford their own school needs such as sports equipment or board games for fun. Schools are already provided with containers to collect and categorise waste collection. The initial activity of the campaign has been implemented at various schools in Odesa Oblast, Vinnytsya Oblast, Kyiv, Khmelnytsky and Lviv Oblast, Ukraine.



The Next Step for Sorted Raw Materials

What is the next step for processing the sorted garbage such as paper, plastic and glass? The answer is that all the collected materials are planned to be bought by an enterprise which purchases secondary raw materials.

The first eligible purchaser is assumed to be LLC "Podilsky Sich", to be followed by other companies countrywide in the near future. The process will be concluded by transferring the revenue to a funding to cover expenses for specific school materials needed by children. The funding will be used to purchase tables for table tennis, tennis rackets, football and basketball balls, chess, checkers and educational games at junior high school level as well as sport uniforms with school logo.



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Inspiration beneath the Garbage Collection Project

School is an ideal platform to introduce environmental education, providing that it will be of high quality and directly related to daily life. Environmental education gives a new horizon to individuals on the way to modify the environmental situation in their own country. It also encourages them to orient their own behaviors with slight changes.



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Calculating the Benefit



1 school



500 students



4 tons of secondary raw materials



This school project aims to help all community residents stratign with young generation learn that garbage is not homogeneous, and that it can be divided into different types such as plastic, metal, glass, paper and polyethylene. School children undertake the role of teachers to inform their parents on what sort of garbage they should sort and what kind of benefit they can provide for their own community and the whole society.

Functional Method to Teach Children How to Sort Garbage

It's very easy! The professional team of experts provide additional environmental courses for children, on the issues such as why nature is harmful to waste streams, what is "smart consumption", how and why the environment needs sorted garbage, how to make

paper bags for products, in what ways it is possible to save energy or create their own compost and clean dirty water. In addition to those courses, there are separate containers located at schools. Each category is labeled as "plastic", "paper", "glass" or "polyethylene". Thus, students learn to throw garbage not just in one bucket, but in four and the money earned from sorting will be spent on their needs. Students decide on what to spend by "environmental funds".

In order to make the sorting process full of fun and excitement, the school constantly arranges environmental workshops, promotion activities and competitions with small prizes becoming a valuable gift for their personal contribution to the implementation of the project. In the end, children become an example for adults to sort household waste, properly.



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