

Project proposal to the TUNZA Children Contest

“Youth action for a sustainable future”

Youth capacity building for the local sustainable development



Havana City, Cuba

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1- Title of the Project:

Youth capacity building for the local sustainable development

2- Project coordinators

Group ECCO of the NGO ProNATURALEZA

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The Group ECCO for Environmental Education and Sustainable Development is part of the National Society for the Protection of the Environment (**NGO ProNATURALEZA**) and work in Guiteras and Cojímar communities. It is a voluntary group of 16 members from 15 to 26 years old.

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In red the selected student to the TUNZA Childrens Conference in Norway

3- General and specifics goals

General

- To contribute to the sustainable development in our communities through environmental activities promoted by young leaders.

Specifics

- To prepare and qualify young leaders in sustainable development, environmental education, youth action and other related themes.
- To increase the conscience of students and locals about the environmental problems in their communities and how to solve them.
- To contribute to solve local environmental problems through youth participation.

Introduction

To reach the sustainable development is one of the humanity's goals in this XXI century due to the crucial necessity of balancing the relationship man-nature. Actions as the unlimited use of the natural resources and the uncontrolled exploitation of the same ones have generated for little more than one century an alarming situation for life in the planet. Problems like deforestation, contamination and pollution of the oceans, desertification, the decrease of the ozone layer and the climatic change, have become more intensive in the last decades. The fundamental cause is the development pattern that we had conceived for centuries, with the idea that the natural resources are inexhaustible. Serious made error. Nevertheless, from the ends of the 70´s many organizations and peoples have been questioning the true viability of the current development pattern and they have proposed other "that satisfies the necessities of the present generations without committing the future of the following ones". In these decades we have been made several efforts to reach this status, mainly with the creation of international mechanisms of help, promotion and training on these topics. However this model's fundamental base -denominated sustainable development- is the action at community and local level offering the necessary autonomy to achieve its goals.

Keeping in mind the previously exposed ideas and including the necessary work in environmental education issues with the new generations, as well as solve environmental local problems, we design this project. It will be applied in Habana del Este municipality, the most extensive of the whole Havana City province. This municipality is located in the north coast, at the east of the Bay of Havana and has an extension of 144, 9 square kilometres. It possesses 8 Popular Council, among them Cojímar and Antonio Guiteras.

Title	Cultivating our tomorrow's World <i>"Youth action for a sustainable future"</i>	
Origin	Grupo ECCO-Pronaturaleza	
Beneficiaries	Youth Environmental Action Group of the school Manuel Permuy. Students and teachers of the community. Residents of Cojímar and Guiteras communities, other young people.	
Partners	Lead organization	NGO ProNATURALEZA
	Youth organizations	Group ECCO-ProNATURALEZA, Youth Environmental Action Group of the school Manuel Permuy.
	Other organizations	Marine Investigations Centre, Local government, local farmer's cooperatives.
Duration	The project will take 1 year but other activities will continue as a part of our local sustainability strategy.	
Budget	2658 USD	
Theme	<i>Youth capacity building and local action</i>	
Priority Issue	To capacitate young leaders as local sustainable development promoters in the communities of Cojímar and Guiteras.	
Goal	Young leaders of Cojímar and Guiteras communities trained and qualified, acting and promoting environmental awareness among students, locals and other authorities to contribute to the sustainable development in their communities	
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To train and qualify young leaders in sustainable development, environmental education, youth action and other related themes. • To raise the conscience of students and locals about the environmental problems in their communities and provide them with corrects mechanisms to face those problems. • To contribute to solve local environmental problems through youth participation. 	
Activities		
Action Needed	To finish the project we need to organize periodic meetings and team works. We need to evaluate the state of the project periodically. Meetings with the local authorities, get the support from local farmers. Some items like the digital camera will be used after the finish of the project to continue the digital bulletin and to increase our data base.	

Objective	Activities
<p>To train and qualify young leaders in sustainable development, environmental education, youth action and other related themes.</p>	<p>1.1 Preparatory meeting with 35 students of the school Manuel Permy, explanation of the project and creation of the Youth Environmental Action Group and establishment of the Youth Council formed by 9 members.</p> <p>2.2. Organize 12 workshops for the young leaders of the school on environmental education and sustainable development topics.</p> <p>2.3 Provide participation Certificates to those young leaders participating in the workshops and also identification cards like members of the Group.</p> <p>3.1 Organize Field trips to different significant places in the community (farms, forest, river Cojímar)</p> <p>3.2 Organize Field trips to the Protected Area Rincón <i>de Guanabo</i>.</p> <p>4.1 Organize Exhibitions of local projects designed for young leaders of the Group.</p> <p>5.1 Select a work team to create, maintain and upgrade the database and design the digital bulletins.</p> <p>5.2 Distribute our database on environmental themes and with the results of the project, pictures and videos.</p> <p>6.1 Design monthly digital bulletins and distribute it to environmentalist organizations, national and international youth groups.</p>

Objetivo	Activities
<p>To aware and engage students and locals about the environmental problems in their communities and provide them with corrects tools to face those problems.</p>	<p>1.1 Designate roles and responsibilities for each member of the Youth Council.</p> <p>2.1 Organize excursions and field works with members of the Group in the communities to identify local environmental problems.</p> <p>2.2 Interview members of the communities affected by environmental problems (farmers, fishermen, merchants)</p> <p>3.1 Organize itinerant and interactive exhibitions with pictures in numerous places of the communities.</p> <p>3.2 To make presentations about the project and the environmental situation of the communities.</p> <p>3.3 Organize several meetings with community leaders on environmental issues and to discuss solution mechanisms.</p> <p>3.4 To design and print folding about the problems, local solution actions and other issues.</p> <p>3.5 Inform to the media about the activities and the results of the project.</p> <p>3.6 Organize round tables opened up for students and members of the town on local, national and international environmental topics.</p> <p>4.1 Organize exchanges and meetings with students of the schools in the communities of the project to propose combined actions to carry out.</p>

Objective	Activities
<p>To promote environmental actions and campaigns in the community.</p>	<p>1.1 To coordinate clean up activities with organizations and the local government.</p> <p>1.2 To inscribe the actions in the "Clean up the World" campaign</p> <p>1.3 Provide participation certificates to the volunteers.</p> <p>2.1 Plant 100 trees and contribute to the campaign "Plant for the Planet."</p> <p>2.2 Provide participation certificates to the volunteers.</p> <p>3.1 Celebration of monthly Recycling Day in the school Manuel Permuy.</p> <p>3.2 Selection of the Best Recycler students each month and reward.</p> <p>5.1 To design and to give invitations to press and the media.</p>

Solicited Fund

Itemized Budget for one year	Activities		USD
		Workshops	
	Materials/notebooks/other		420
	Print /materials		120
	Sub-total		<u>540</u>
	Meetings/exchanges		
	Refreshments		360
	Lunch		120
	Toolkits		60
	Sub-total		<u>540</u>
	Clean up activities		
	Refreshments		120
	Tools		90
	Oil drums/waste baskets		36
	Sub-total		<u>246</u>
	Tree seedling		
	Tools		60
	Refreshments		60
	Sub-total		<u>120</u>
	Recycling campaign		
	Awards		60
	Sub-total		<u>60</u>
	Photo exhibition		
	Digital camera		300
	Photo printing		144
	Tools and items		60
	Sub-total		<u>504</u>
	Data base to distribute		
	CD-R		120
	Sub-total		<u>120</u>
	Printing of bulletins, brochures, certificates, postcards		
	Brochures		144
	Postcards		144
	Bulletins		30
	Certificates		30
	Sub-total		<u>348</u>
	Field trips		
	Transport		60
	Lunch		120
	Sub-total		<u>180</u>
	Total		2658