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A Forum for Educators
of Sustainability

WELCOME TO INSIDE SSI!

Editor's Column

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Latest reports reveal the usage of plastic bags in Abu Dhabi, which is 3 times more than the global average, about 11 billion plastic bags are used every year.

Next time you head towards the grocery store, ask yourself do you need a bag? Why do I need it? How can I reduce my consumption of single use plastic bags? Can it be reused?

Plastic bags can take up to 1,000 years to decompose leaching out toxins into the environment.

One million sea birds, and 100,000 species are killed due to irresponsible disposal of plastic bags.

#OurEnvironmentOurResponsibility
#EnvironmentAbuDhabi
#Tide-Turner-Plastic-Challenge

Change your habit to save Abu Dhabi's Environment!

Best wishes
SSI Team

Sponsor's Welcome

Bp is an integrated energy company, providing innovative solutions to improve people's lives. Headquartered in London and established in the Middle East for over a century, it aims to help the world reach net zero. Bp aims to reach Net Zero by 2050, reaching for ambitious aims to reduce emissions, scale up renewables and invest more in low carbon. We will report back here with progress on our #bpNetZero journey!

As a proud partner of SSI for over 10 years, bp supports nurturing the knowledge and means to address global environmental issues through educating younger generations.

And shares the concerns of our community's stakeholders and believes that actions today can solve long term environmental challenges.

Bp's purpose is reimagining energy for people and our planet, and the company encourages action today, that will lead to a healthier and safer tomorrow.



#bpNetZero

BAADR APP

On Monday 24th January 2022, the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi and Borouge launched a unique mobile application "Baadr App". 56 people joined.

Baadr App takes you through a wide range of environmental actions that you can perform every day, through Baadr App you accumulate points and earn rewards from different vendors just by cutting down your water and electricity bills, walking instead of using a car, and many more daily actions.

Khansa Ibrahim Al Blouki - Environmental Outreach Director said "We are absolutely thrilled to be launching BAADR, which marks the start of a new chapter in the history of the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi. As individuals, the responsibility lies within all of us to ensure we protect the environment and preserve our planet for ourselves, our children and future generations. We sometimes may not realise how much our consumption is creating an impact on

our surroundings but with more importance on the environment than ever before, we strongly believe that BAADR can be a catalyst in driving positive change across Abu Dhabi when it comes to caring for our environment.

Together, if we all engage with the app on a daily basis and encourage people to use BAADR often, we can significantly change the way we live and be more mindful of our consumption and behaviour – all of which can help create a better tomorrow in Abu Dhabi. "We have carefully developed BAADR to be a fun app that is easy to use for everyone and with a wide range of exciting incentives on offer for completed tasks, I encourage all of you to download the app and be part of a unique journey that will not only promote a more sustainable way of life but strengthen Abu Dhabi's position as one of the most sustainable and eco-friendly cities".

Change your habits and download Baadr App at [Android](#) and [IOS](#).



Green Achiever

Four SSI students selected at Youth 4 Sustainability programme.

Congratulation to Aymn Fadul and Yunes Mohammed for being selected at the Ambassador programme and Hadi Abdullah and Mujahid Islam for Skillup programme from Islamia English School for being selected at Youth 4 sustainability programme, by Masdar, Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Office, the youth programme focuses of developing young people and investing in them to be future leaders in sustainability.

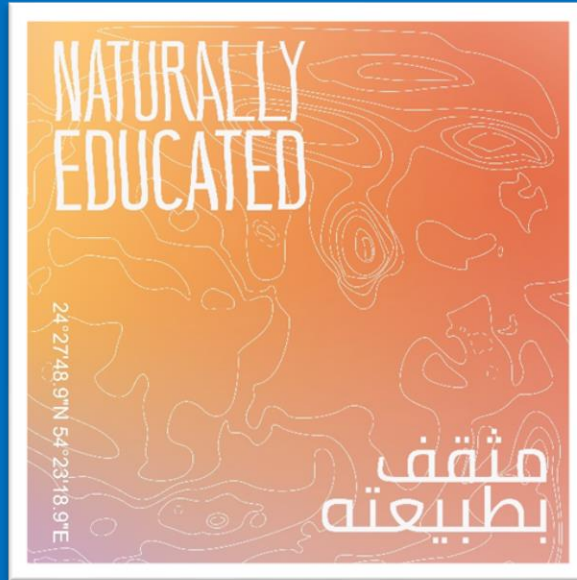
The selected students were asked to complete a number of tasks to be selected including social work, community outreach, preparing a portfolio, CV and a video, and Practices done at school. The next stage for Ayman and Yunes will involve a yearlong programme of online learning, physical workshops, be part of Innovation lab. Hadi and Mujahid will go through an online self-paced gamified learning schemes to enhance their soft, people, personal, knowledge skills.

Well done Islamia English School students!



All Things Sustainable

This month's collection of All Things Sustainable features the latest environmentally themed books and information to keep everyone entertained as they begin the new semester.



Naturally Educated Podcast

This month we are pleased to share one of our latest environmental outreach team tools "Naturally Educated Podcast" aiming to promote environmental awareness and enhance student's knowledge. The podcast takes you through a conversational learning experience about various environmental topics including air pollution, biodiversity loss, sustainability, circular economy, and Climate change, in this podcast a series of environmental experts from the UAE tackle several challenges facing our planet today.

Enjoy listening to the ten episodes available at the following link: [Here](#)

What is Next?

Youth`s role in Climate Action

Date: 15th Feb 2022, **Time:** 3:00-4:00pm

As we celebrate the UAE National Environment Day, join our Environmental Youth Talk "Youth`s Role in Climate Action" with Mouza Al Zaabi Assistant Scientist, Air Quality & Climate Change, Environment Quality, and Amani Bin Humaid Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) Project Manager. Where you will learn about the Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi`s role in climate neutrality and opportunities to involve youth in climate action.

Platform: Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

Note: Registration is only open for high school students.

Environmental occasions

We start this month with key environmental days, make sure you celebrate them and share your photos!

- 2nd Feb - World Wetland Day
- 4th Feb - National Environment Day
- 19th Feb - World Whale Day (3rd Sunday of Feb)

February marks UAE Innovation month, be sure to share your environmental innovations too!

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