

BACKGROUND

Project Wings - a diverse group of young people who will improve the world together. We are visionaries, go-getters, hippies and entrepreneurs - people like you - who want to make their green mark on this world.

Environmental problems are getting bigger all over the world and many long-established organizations are no longer able to get people excited about their projects. We want to let people participate in the projects of our modern NGO and reveal insights about the planet.

This is Project Wings! We visit pedestrian zones, festivals and other performances in Germany several times a week to tell people about our project and to gain supporters.

With you, we will build the largest recycling village in the world!

A statement - an attitude - a non-profit organization.

TEAM

- Basti -

OUR HEART AND DREAMER

our idealistic visionary who leads the project in Indonesia.

HOBBIES

“Musical massage cart wheel tours”

- Marc -

OUR HEAD AND THINKER

Our bureaucracy shark keeps a cool head even when paperwork is high and coordinates the details

HOBBIES

Staying on course.

- LEONIE -

OUR CREATIVE SOUL AND THE WOMEN'S POWER

The missing piece: A true all-rounder connecting the dots, writing dramatic texts, providing colorful inspirations and raising funds..

HOBBIES:

Creating coziness

- Erich -

OUR PILLAR AND DOER

Peaceful and at the same time always ready - our scout for cooperating organizations and event venues!

HOBBIES

befriending geckos in the jungle

THE RECYCLING SYSTEM & VILLAGE

The construction of the largest recycling village in the world in Sumatra!

Unfortunately, there are still too many places in the world such as regions in Indonesia, where issues, like recycling or avoiding plastic garbage, are of little to no importance. Environmentalism and sustainability are hardly talked about or addressed in local schools, so we came up with something exceptional. To educate a whole region and draw attention to these issues, we decided to build the largest recycling village in the world. We chose Bukit Lawang, a medium-sized village on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. We are building a complete village out of old plastic waste with local partners to serve as an example. All hostels and buildings are built out of Ecobricks.

These consist of shredded plastic waste, which is stuffed into empty plastic bottles. That way we can recycle more than 250 tons of plastic waste in this village alone and to isolate around 10.000 Ecobricks per house.

Locals are collecting plastic waste, cleans it and putting it with a stick in empty plastic bottles, till they're solid and weight around 600g.

Over 42,000 Ecobricks have been produced and more than 300 local households now recycle their plastic waste and receive in return 5000 Rupiah per Ecobrick from us (=30 Cents = one warm meal in Indonesia). Therefore the plastic recycling system serves as an additional source of income for families, unemployed or homeless people

All revenues from the hostels and events are reinvested into schools and indigenous projects to educate about plastic, rainforest deforestation, and animal welfare.
Help us realize our dream!

Our vision of the recycling village

At the entrance of the village there will be a reception with an attached warehouse for backpacks e.g.. There is also a vegan restaurant and a bakery. Furthermore, there is a booth where the use and preservation of traditional medicine are taught. On the other side you will find rooms that are available for events or workshops, such as yoga or how to make ununpackes/loose stuff for daily needs. In January 2020 we will start to use a machine that shreds and melts plastic to recycle more garbage. The plastic waste will be cast into new shapes, like dishes or flower vases. The main part of the village will consist of 5 small and 2 large hostels, in which more than 40 people can sleep comfortably. In the plaza there is a chillout zone with beanbags and hammocks, a colorful playground, a fireplace and numerous native plants. All of the buildings, playgrounds and the outskirts do mostly consist of Ecobricks and other recycled waste. Many local artists will be invited to make the village look unique.

OUR COOPERATION PARTNERS

Protection of the Rainforest

Generation Co

Virginia and Helena are from France and teach the preservation of traditional Indonesian medicine in a booth in our plastic village among other things. Given the scale of the palm oil industry and other monocultures, they are currently doing important persuasion- and education work for the respective operators. Together with Erna and us, they are leading the reforestation of cleared plantations, thus regaining natural habitats and conserving existing rainforests.

Ernas Ecofarm

Erna's Ecofarm runs sustainable agriculture and supplies our vegan restaurant. It also provides cuttings for Generation Co reforestation projects. Every day, the organic waste from the care community is brought to her to make valuable compost. Often the domestic soil loses its nutrients because of monocultures (Palm oil plantations and the use of pesticides). Erna's nutrient-rich compost and her cuttings make our reforestation work easier.

AWAY WITH THE PLASTIC

Bukit Lawang Care

Bukit Lawang Care act as a waste collector and collect separated plastic waste, paper, and organic waste from hostels, restaurants and major retailers almost daily. While the organic waste at Erna's Farm is used to make compost, the plastic waste is taken to our Green Class Education Center where it is washed and recycled into Ecobricks. These serve as the basic building bricks of our plastic village. There are also large Clean ups in and around of the National Park with the help of volunteers, tourists and the Green Class.

Green Class

The Green Class was created as a voluntary project-group of Masno and other Indonesian teachers. Around 80-100 children and young people are currently attending the Education Center to learn about plastic and our influence on the planet. Through some excursions into nature, young people learn a responsible approach and various recycling techniques. They can then pass on this newly acquired knowledge to their families and friends. The center of the Ecobrick administration is the Education Center, which has made numerous residents and travelers aware of the deposit system. Over 30,000 Ecobricks have been produced and more than 300 local households now recycle their plastic waste and receive in return 5000 Rupiah per Ecobrick from us. Therefore the plastic recycling system serves as an additional source of income for families.

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

Care Sumatra

Sue and Ari, together with other locals, have dedicated themselves to protecting and preserving the last habitats of orangutans. Their state-recognized organization has an increased influence on the areas that are to be protected. Care Sumatra is responsible for the administration and coordination of the plastic village together with our local project manager Anto. Furthermore, the organization trains ranger patrols through our financial help. These are intended to protect wild animals from poachers and the rainforest from illegal deforestation.

GERMAN PROJECT

Project „Streuobstwiesen“ / Bees Protection

Wild bees and the important pollinators are losing more and more of their natural habitat. That's why we've decided to help these tiny superheroes in Germany. With the support of the local initiative „Naturinitiative Streuobstwiesen Kottenheim" we are fighting for the preservation of natural biotopes and the habitat of bees. Orchards are a biotope worthy of protection and habitat for numerous animal species and plants. In the first year, more than 1,500 square meters of wildflower meadows were created, bee gardens were restored and 50 new trees were planted. The orchards in Kottenheim are one of the largest in Rhineland-Palatinate with almost 3,000 trees. Due to lack of management, wind, branches falling, bush encroachment, and mistletoe-attacks, the habitat is increasingly threatened. Wild bees and the important pollinators are losing more and more of their natural habitat. That's why we've decided to help these tiny superheroes in Germany.

YOU WANT TO HELP?

If you find our work useful and are fascinated by our projects, then help us to save the world for the next generations. Become a constant supporter of Project Wings so that we can reach (even) more countries and continents in the future with our recycling- and environmental care network.

If you would like to support individual projects from us, it's possible to specifically support our fundraising campaigns on the topics of plastic avoidance, rainforest reforestation, animal welfare and the construction of our recycling village.

Visit our website and check „Jetzt helfen“. If you want to become a long-term supporter press „werde Förderer“ and fill your informations in the form. We are sorry for only having a German form, if you have complications in filling it, please write us an email and we'll do it for you! :)

Of course you will receive a charitable donation certificate in January of the following year. The duration of your continuous support is naturally up to you and can be canceled anytime with no explanation needed.

You can also donate for an individual project by „aktuelle Spendenaktionen“. Here are some examples for donate use.

15€

Reforest the cleared parts of the rain forest with us! Thanks to your support we are able to plant 15 orchard trees and at the same time create a habitat for wildlife.

30€

Help us to recycle more plastic. Thanks to your support we are able to create over 100 Ecobricks and thus recycle 50kg of plastic waste.

50€

Help the rangers on their patrols in the rain forest stopping illegal logging and getting rid of animal traps. Thanks to your support we can provide four rangers with new equipment.

100€

Build a recycling machine with us, which consists of a shredder, an oven and casting molds, that turns plastic waste into useful products (e.g. dishes) that can be used by the locals.

How else can you help?

1. Visit us at events, markets and in pedestrian zones. Ask us personally whatever is on your mind. Bring your family and friends!
2. Visit our cooperation stores. If you need a new hairstyle or want to shop unpackaged groceries, they will be happy about your visit and so will we!
3. Are you wearing our merchandise? Explain our mission to people who ask you about our organization.
4. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook and share your favorite posts!
5. You are e.g. a teacher and want to educate your students about sustainability and the environment? You are leading an inspiring company? Our community grows daily and we are happy about each new cooperation partner and supporter.
6. Being noticeable is always remarkable. Snatch our stuffed toy orangutan a fan shirt, that you can wear while drinking coffee, playing football or grocery shopping. Long live the walking advertising panel!