

A PHOTO STORY FROM THE SECOND MISSION OF THE YOUNG REPORTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN STOCKHOLM

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The best Young Reporters for the Environment, who won at the national competitions in ten countries during the second year of the Litter Less Campaign, gathered in Stockholm from 23 to 27 January, 2014 on the second environmental mission organized by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and the Wrigley Company Foundation.



65 students, 26 teachers and national coordinators from Canada, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Romania and Slovakia had the opportunity to participate for five days in several workshops on how to prepare an environmental articles, photo stories and videos, to prepare through teamwork reviews on 10 environmental issues and problems in the capital of Sweden and to attend the lectures of environmental activists from the host country.



(Photo: a practical workshop on preparing articles, photos and videos)

All participants were welcomed by the summit's host Anna Norman, Director of the YRE Programme and Daniel Shaffer, CEO of FEE. The attendees were then addressed by Amine Ahlafi, a member of the Board of Directors of the FEE and President of the International Jury of the competitions “Young Reporters of the Environment” and “Litter Less”.



(Photo: exhibition of works created during the environmental mission in Stockholm)

During the environmental mission, participants had the opportunity to learn about the experiences of Sweden in treatment of waste, and it is interesting that the Swedes are still not satisfied with the level of recycling, even though they are among the best in Europe. Marie Anderson from a regional company for waste treatment "Sorab", which annually educates 250 children and youth groups on these topics, spoke about this.



(Photo: one of the lectures and work in groups during the environment mission)

Caroline Peterson, one of the founders of the lifestyle magazine "Camino" presented stories from previous issues of the magazine, founded in 2007, and which deal with a sustainable future. One of them is about the idea of establishing a "clothing library".

One of the things by which this second mission will be remembered is the motivational speeches of two environmental activists. Anika Hagberg from the organization "Push Sweden" inspiringly told the young reporters for the environment that they are kind of heroes of today. Sven Heijbel of "Global Focus" studied climate changes among polar bears in the Arctic and travelled the world filming a documentary about human happiness.



(Photo: Anika Hagberg and Sven Heijbel share their experiences of environmental activists)

In addition to lectures and practical workshops, there was time for screening of the Swedish documentary "Bananas" and a visit to the Museum of Photography, as well Skansen, the world's oldest open-air museum, which on 30 hectares in the heart of Stockholm, presents the rich ethnographic heritage of Sweden.



(Photo: ethnological and mini zoo park in the Skansen open air museum)

During the five-day gathering, many friendships of young people from ten countries were made, which will certainly be continued through the social network until the third environmental mission within the Litter Less Campaign of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and the Wrigley Company Foundation when a total of 15 countries will participate.