

Hello hello,

We are happy to introduce what we did At Adazi Free Waldorf School as a result of European Youth Forum Trogen 2018.

We came back very inspired and ready to make a change, so we DID.

We did a few things and we are looking to implementing new things in the coming year as well. The initiative came from the students purely and we know that the impulse was given by EYFT.

So this is what we did:

AWARENESS WEEK

Grade 1 - 7

Students created a Treasure Hunt based on Ecology. We had 7 posters hidden at the school and kids had to find them all and "collect" letters for a Key word that was **Ecology**. When they found all the letters, they had to go to a station to answer extra questions on the topics and then they got some sweeties. Everyone engaged and had a lot of fun whilst learning importance of Recycling, Global Warming, Animal rights, Nature conservation, Zero Waste and more.

Grade 8 - 12

We held a Referendum week. Every day we voted on Global topics (sometimes controversial) through Instagram. Referendum questions were:

1. Does media need to be independent from the state?
2. Do stereotypes negatively influence our personal freedom?
3. Is Global Warming real?
4. Do you support same-sex marriage in Latvia?
5. Do you believe that Latvia should invite and take care of more refugees?

Every day we voted and displayed the results on a board as well as in Instagram Highlights.

We finished the week on Friday with a discussion round - led and organised by the kids that were in Trogen Forum. They arranged many Social games and discussions in interesting formats. Everyone truly engaged and the feedback was that they wish to have more events like this at the school.

RECYCLING STATIONS

We implemented Recycling stations at the whole school. Now every classroom has Paper, Glass, Tin and Plastic Recycling bins and the EYFT group introduced the benefits and distributed bins all around the school. We have 25 Recycling stations now.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

As discussed with the students, they want to implement more Global topics in their school life. So they want to organise a weekly meet-up to go over interesting and important topics. Also they want to share ideas how they can make some changes on the local government level as well as the state level. Students show interest to be involved and to be heard.