



Waste & Recycling: Fashion show and sale

Basic ideas

- Make bags out of old clothes, jeans etc
- Design and make clothes out of recycled clothes
- Make jewellery out of ring pulls and cans
- Invite friends and family, who pay a small amount to come
- Have a catwalk show in your school or club and sell what you've made
- Put up a display about ethical fashion
- Sell cakes and teas to make extra money

Eco aspect

Reducing consumption, reusing rather than throwing away, saving resources

How it makes/saves money?

Selling items, selling tickets, selling refreshments

Where to look for ideas

ICC can provide:

- Templates and patterns for making bags, jewellery and clothes
- Links to *Fashioning an Ethical Industry* resources to use
- Possible mentors from within the ethical fashion industry

Download the Passion for Fashion pack on ethical fashion shows (scroll to the end of this page)
www.risc.org.uk/education/risc_publications.php

See the interview with Emma Watson at: the ethical fashion industry:

<http://www.peopletreemagazine.co.uk/video/5529/emma-watson-safia-minney-interview-for-people-tree.html>

You can also look at Fashioning an Ethical Industry for ideas, information etc – perhaps a display on the day would be good:

www.fashioninganethicalindustry.org

How do we know it will work?

Well, you don't yet but on the other side are examples of places where it has.....

Read the case studies from each of Kenya, India and UK for ideas

Visit www.interclimate.org/challenge and look under projects for more ideas

PS Don't forget to keep a record of what you are doing so you can share it with other people

What have other young people been doing about waste and recycling?

The Recycled Clothes Show organised by 'Recycle for Buckinghamshire', UK

This is organised every year in Buckinghamshire for local schools to enter. Young people design and model their own clothes, tickets are sold. This year the theme of the competition is Countries and Culture. The clothing is then judged for its originality, the source of the materials/textiles used and the ecological and ethical value of the clothing.

The alternative plastic bag competition organized by Reading International Solidarity Centre, UK

This competition was organized for anyone between the ages of 8-13 to take part. The designers made innovative bags that were so stylish that they provided shoppers with an ethical and fashionable alternative to a disposable bag. The bags were displayed in the café and the public voted for their favourite.

Grendon Underwood Combined School, UK

We have recently become an official 'Battery Back' recycling point. We are a convenient collection point for people at the school and from the local community. Contact www.batteryback.org for more information.

Kyeni Girls High School, Embu

We are aware of the poor waste management in our local area. We know that climate change has been made worse by waste pollution and we want to reclaim and reuse some of the waste in our local area. We have collected the used plastic tubes from biro pens and strung them together to make biro curtains. We have also made photo frames out of scratch cards and recycled residual soap remains to make soap jelly.

Otieno Oyoo Secondary School, Kisumu

Our school is located in a hot and humid area of Kenya. We wanted to combine the themes of both waste and food. So we collected discarded plastic bottles and used them to make the side walls of a greenhouse. We first constructed a wooden frame, then threaded the bottles on strings suspended between ground and roof level. The roof was covered with recycled plastic sheeting. The draft from the bottle curtain helps to regulate the temperature. In the greenhouse we will grow a range of vegetables and use them in the school kitchen.

Greenhouse made from plastic bottles: constructed at Thomas a Becket Middle School, Surrey, by their Year 7s. Plans can be found at:

<http://www.reapscotland.org.uk/reports/greenhouse%20v1.pdf>



Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science, India

Our project aimed to assemble the waste from different local societies and decompose it properly in an eco-friendly way and also to create awareness among the people.

As the time advances, the new technologies come and so the older technologies are regarded as waste. People dump this waste anywhere so we chose to study this topic to make people aware that how to decompose such waste. We collected waste from different societies, went from house to house to distribute pamphlets and explained what was written in them, gave presentation in school. We also went to shops and asked them to stop the use of plastics and use paper instead.