

Education Pack

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SPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

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Environmental protection is a crucial issue, which concerns all of us. The younger generation is aware of this universal challenge and is ready to create a cleaner world for tomorrow. At the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, athletes were able to find out what they can do in their daily life to protect the environment.

Tony Estanguet, Olympic Champion, Canoe Slalom, France

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I really believe that, when you think about it, the very logic of outside sports is that often, you are affected by the environment. Sometimes, when the rivers are, say, a little polluted or at least when the quality of the water isn't up to par, the athletes can get ill.

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Singapore is a living example of a nation looking at a sustainable future. The country has no natural source of fresh water, which is a major issue. The athletes came to Marina Barrage, a dam built above the Marina channel, to see how sea water is transformed into fresh water, the country's growing demand.

The athletes also came for the man-made Hort Park on the outskirts of Singapore, to learn more about the importance of reusing and recycling.

Yusri, Station Host, Hort Park

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We want them to reuse as much waste as possible and reuse as much items here and at home and recycle is basically to make use of whatever items as creative as possible into another usable items.

Verena Brunner, Cycling, Argentina

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I've learnt how to keep care of the world, of the environment that's around me. So it's a very important deal to do, in my life and in the life of others.

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What we want is a clear air for them to train in and basically do their sports well.



Hartmut Stahl, United Nations Environment Programme

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The UNEP workshop explores the ways athletes can keep the environment clean and separate waste. This is also defined by the way YOG was run, both at the sports events and in the village.

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There's also a good example around here. They have separate waste bins for separate waste factions. That's a good tool to raise awareness so that they know how to separate waste.

Tony Estanguet, Olympic Champion, Canoe Slalom, France

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As a canoeist, the most important thing, in my opinion, is to show some humility when faced with nature. For example, if you're an athlete who trains hard and maybe drinks lots of bottles of water, be careful to dispose of your water bottles, don't let them pollute the environment.

Brandi Chastain, Olympic Champion, Football, USA

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Coming to a country like Singapore, that literally says, you know, it's clean and it's green... They live by example and so to be here, it's not hard to see how beautiful a world we could have if we followed those ideals.

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I think everybody should be responsible for what they do and if everyone do a little, that would be a big change for everyone.

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When I go back, I'm gonna maybe stay away from the laptop a little bit more and, you know, take quick showers and stuff like that... and tell all my friends the same thing.

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Yeah, I'm going to use less electricity and try to save the environment. Maybe put recycling into our school as well.

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When I go back, I'm gonna recycle more to protect the environment for future generations.

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Respect the environment is the same as to respect people.

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