Lions International

LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

Clean Water & Sanitation | Recycling & Waste Management | Environmental Cleanup & Restoration | Tree Planting & Tree Care

Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy

Raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment, educate community members, and create positive change.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Goals are an urgent call for action by all countries—developed and developing—in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations, who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS SERVICE AREA SUPPORTS SDG #13

TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

30% of the global population experiences deadly heat waves more than 20 days a year.*

Drought is estimated to displace **700 million people** by 2030.**

84% of the surveyed young people agree that they need more information to prevent climate change.*

Medium- to large-scale **disasters will increase 40%** from 2015 to 2030.**

*United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Report 2022

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Service Ideas

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Participate in the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) **Act Now: Speak Up!** initiative and voice your support for net-zero emissions.

Explore educational opportunities designed to help young leaders build a sustainable future through **UNEP Youth, Education and Environment** resources.

Plan a club service activity in honor of **World Environment Day** on June 5. Use the posters, photos, videos and other assets provided by UNEP to raise awareness of the day in your community. Share your impact on social media using the #WorldEnvironmentDay hashtag.

Organize an **environmental teach-in** at a local school, library, house of worship, community center or park in honor of World Earth Day on April 22. Use the **Teach in Toolkit** located at earthday.org to get started.

Participate in an International Day inspiring individuals to Learn, Share and Act. There are International Days promoting **clean air, preservation of the ozone layer** and **biological diversity**.

Learn how Lions and Leos around the world are creating positive change in their communities by visiting the **Lions International Advocacy webpage**. Discuss ways your club can advocate for the environment through community awareness and education, legislation and public policy, or events and partnerships.

Research local nonprofits or government agencies focused on the environment. Reach out to learn more about their work. Download LCI's **guide to developing local partnerships** to get started.

Schedule a time for members of your club to meet with representatives of your local government. Share your concerns about local environmental challenges, and what the community can do to address them.

Challenge all Lions and Leos in your club to add at least one green habit to their daily lives. Inspire others by sharing your actions on social media. Habits might include using a reusable water bottle or coffee mug, changing to energy-saving lightbulbs or setting a time limit for your shower to reduce water consumption.

Support communities affected by climate disasters like drought, famine, hurricane or extreme temperatures: plan a project to create toiletry kits, essential clothing packets and provide temporary housing to those in need.