



Clean up the world

Member Activity Report 2006 North America

Country	Member/Organisation Name	Activity Summary
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CANADA

Ocean Net

"CUW Newfoundland and Labrador" was held as part of Ocean Net's eighth annual "Youth and the Oceans Conference" on October 13-14. The conference was attended by 210 delegates and 80 people participated on October 14 in a clean up of a local beach. As part of the clean up, they held the annual pumpkin carving contest with a local school. The event closed with Ocean Net's traditional beach BBQ. At the conference, the delegates discussed the problems associated with beach litter and the marine environment. Ocean Net recorded its one thousandth clean up in 2006. The conference celebrated this achievement in which young people have played a very important part.

PITCH-IN CANADA

PITCH-IN CANADA Week is a partnership with governments, community based organisations and schools. In 2006, a total of 3,290,332 volunteers participated in a wide range of PITCH-IN projects throughout Canada. These volunteers came from schools, scout and girl guide groups, chambers of commerce, hiking clubs, environmental groups, service clubs, athletic organisations and local government. Environmental education projects carried out included litterless lunch programs, poster contests, recycling, tree planting, displays, mobile phone collection, composting projects and pollution counts. Action projects included habitat and stream restoration, and clean ups of schools, residential areas, parks, highways, roadsides, business and commercial areas, and shorelines.

Transport Canada

Pacific Region partnered with Citizenship and Immigrant Canada, and Public Works this year to promote environmental awareness during Environment Week held June 5-9. Activities included themed daily activities, interactive displays and presentations. Environment Week and Clean Air Day were proclaimed by the Government of Canada to increase public awareness and action of Canada's key environmental priorities. Commuter Challenge is the flagship Clean Air Day event that involves communities, corporations, government agencies, and citizens nationally, in celebrating choices that help to improve air quality and address global climate change. Contests included a photo competition with the theme "People Taking Action for a Sustainable Community", a pedometer relay where teams of Transport Canada employees climbed stairs at work, and a commuter challenge where employees were encouraged to car pool, walk, take public transport, or to ride or skate to work.

Other Member(s) in CANADA:

CDN-NDG Residents' Association

Children's International Summer Villages -Environmental Group (CISV)

USA

New York Restoration Project (NYRP)

On April 15, NYRP ran an art activity for children in celebration of Earth Day and as part of the annual spring festival. They encouraged festival attendees to use the recycling bins provided on the day, and also held a clean in partnership with Friends of Fort Tryon Park. At the Little Red Lighthouse Festival on September 16 attendees were again encouraged to use recycling bins provided on the day. Recyclables that were mixed in with the general waste were separated by NYRP staff and volunteers at the end of the event. A total of 15 volunteers assisted with the separation of waste, the organisation of festival activities including face painting, and with public discussions regarding waste separation and caring for community spaces. As a result of the activities community members and volunteers were empowered to beautify their neighbourhoods and improve their environment. Local support provided by: Historic House Trust, Urban Park Rangers and West 181st Street Beautification Association, City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation.

Other Member(s) in USA:

Biking Civit

College of Dupage Phi Theta Kappa Chapter

Ecology Breeze

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

Old Dominion University Biology Graduate Student Organization

Suffolk County Girl Scouts

The International Coalition for Children and the Environment (ICCE)

Tourism Cares

Westmoreland Cleanways

Whittier Elementary School