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# Starter

# Kit

for youth  
environmental  
action



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# Hello

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Hello there! Welcome to the Youth Environment Living Labs (YELL).

The imminent danger of a climate emergency continues to loom over us despite increasing awareness of, and action to address, climate change and environmental degradation. Something is missing somewhere. And if we're honest with ourselves, both science and lack of political will and action don't give us enough reasons to hope.

But then we look around us and we see you and others like you. Young people who are helping us imagine a greener and more inclusive future, who are curious and eager to reconnect with nature, rediscover traditional and cultural knowledge, and who are bravely taking action in the present.

Through YELL, we at UNDP and UNICEF aim to shed light on the great work that young people like yourselves are doing for climate and the environment. Through your actions and thought leadership, you show us compelling and viable alternatives to the status quo—building on the successes of your forebears, and course-correcting from where they failed or fell short. We want to learn from you, guiding others down the path you're leading us and inspiring them to do likewise.

For young people just starting out on your environmental journey, we hope this Starter Kit provides ideas and inspiration for action no matter who and where you are. And to all the jaded veterans out there, we hope the stories in this volume reignite your inner flame for our planet.

We are never too old to learn, and never too young to teach.

And we hope you will YELL together with us!

# What is YELL?

## YELL stands for Youth Environment Living Labs

Melting ice caps. Rising sea levels. Raging hurricanes. Climate change and environmental degradation are big issues. Maybe too big.

In 2020, the [\*Change for Climate report\*](#) by UNDP and UNICEF polled 1,393 Malaysian youths and found that they are eager to act on climate and environmental issues. However, there is a lack of local narratives and resources to help young people take their first steps in environmental action.

While there is no shortage of news coverage and social media content on the daunting devastation that comes with climate change, these discussions are often framed from the perspectives of developed countries, many of them in the West or Global North, far from our context and daily lives.

Many local young people are at a loss on where, or how, they can make a difference in their own communities. The feeling of knowing that something needs to be done fast but also not knowing where to start—well, it almost makes one want to yell.

And that is where the YELL programme comes in! The idea is two-pronged—to help local youths find their voice in environmental action, and to amplify the existing sustainability efforts among young people.

YELL aims to localize climate narratives and strengthen the ecosystem of environmental causes, including but not limited to:

- Creating and expanding resources to inspire action aligned with local realities and lived experience
- Promoting place-based environmental action, documenting sustainability efforts and learnings in the local context
- Developing inclusive insights on local environmental issues from diverse groups, including indigenous and traditional knowledge
- Connecting young people and building networks among diverse environmental pathways

Let's YELL for our future!



# Across space and time:

## Past, present, future



### Traditional knowledge

(Re)connecting with our cultural roots and the histories of people and places.

### Today's stories

Exploring what is around us—current efforts, issues and opportunities, near and far.



### Future visions

Using imagination and foresight to shape inclusive futures.

Part 1:

# Two worlds collide

How two young people from vastly different  
backgrounds and with diverse interests  
found their way onto the same career path:  
saving their home



# By the sea

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Illustrator: Tuan Nini

## The story of Adzmin Fatta

Programme Manager, Reef Check Malaysia  
and Head of Organization, Green Semporna

I grew up with the sea. My house was built on stilts in the water at the coast of Semporna, which is a collection of small islands in Sabah, Malaysia. But I never had much interest in the waters that I had often jumped into with my friends.



You'd think that seeing the dead fish and rubbish washed up on the shore around my home all the time would anger me, or move me to action. It didn't. Because that was all I knew—I grew up thinking that dead fish and rubbish is normal for the sea.

That was until I joined an environmental camp when I was 18, which took me to the pristine waters of an island within Semporna itself. The turquoise waters stretched endlessly. The vibrant reefs were nothing like the grey, sharp dead corals near my home.

I was awestruck. I, who lived with the sea, took 18 years to see its true wonders for the first time.







As they say, you can't protect something you don't love, and you can't love something that you don't know. I fell in love with the sea, hard. The sea that sustains life.

Right out of secondary school, I started volunteering and working with ocean conservation organizations, including WWF Malaysia. Now, I am a programme manager for Reef Check Malaysia. I also co-founded Green Semporna, an NGO that seeks to empower communities through environmental leadership programmes.

Until today, I still don't have a university or college degree, because I felt that taking a break for tertiary education would disconnect me from the pressing and ever-changing environmental issues.



Don't get me wrong; I do believe that education is important. But it is also a privilege, one that many people living in the rural and coastal towns of Sabah do not have—for example, there are plenty of stateless<sup>1</sup> children who are denied schooling.

<sup>1</sup> Children without Malaysian citizenship. A child born in Malaysia does not automatically obtain citizenship, and many are denied nationality due to [various challenges](#). Stateless people are deprived of education, employment, or healthcare. Their statelessness may also affect their children's citizenship.

Fortunately, high levels of education are not necessary for the pursuit of environmental work.

I think of myself as pursuing a long-term degree—my ‘professors’ are the community that I work with. They possess so much traditional acumen and practical knowledge that are invaluable to truly effect change in environmental work.



For Reef Check Malaysia, I run an alternative livelihood programme among the residents of Mantanani Island to reduce their dependence on fishing and the illegal activities of fish-bombing.

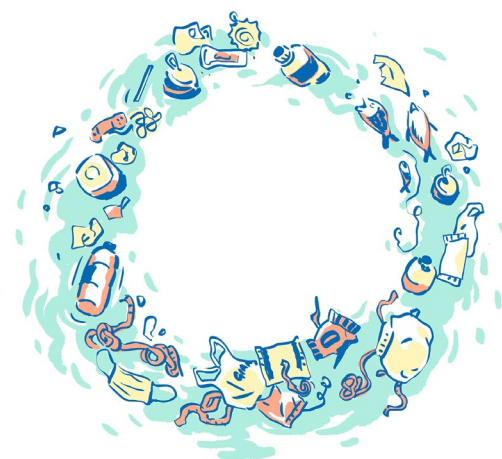
I live with the locals. In the first two years, there was no internet and cell coverage. With no screen to be glued to, I spent time with the local folks instead, joining them in their daily activities and building rapport and trust.



By listening to the local communities, I learned that we cannot solve environmental problems without solving a spectrum of systemic issues.

Locals become fisherpeople and practice fish bombing because it is something they watched their parents do. Trapped in a cycle of poverty, many had limited capacity to obtain education and be exposed to the possibility of different career paths.

The islanders also dump trash into the sea because the remote island does not have access to a waste management system. They don't even get piped water. So they can't bury the trash on the island and risk contaminating the groundwater they need for daily consumption.





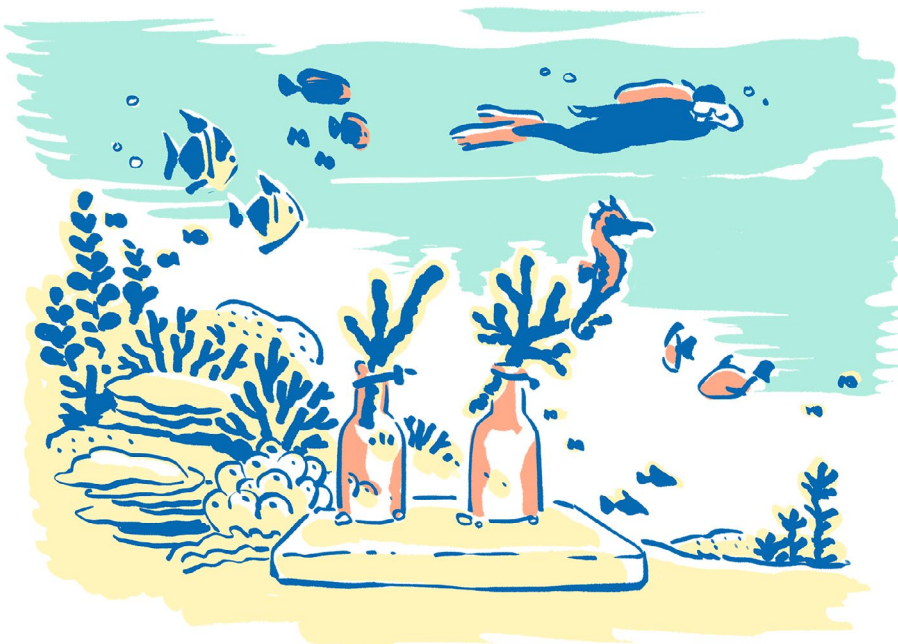


We cannot harp on environmental protection but disconnect with the people and their economic realities.

This is why we came up with the alternative livelihood programme on Mantanani Island, like running homestay businesses and making coconut oil. We showed that they can co-exist with the environment without losing income.

Effective conservation efforts involve navigating relationships with the local communities, government representatives and international corporations.

This can be emotionally draining. You cannot do this work in isolation; you need friends and mentors to provide advice and support.



The ultimate remedy, however, is the sea.

I love diving. The peace I feel being enveloped by the water restores me.

This is not the sea I knew growing up. This is the sea I want those growing up to know. And this keeps me fighting, listening and learning.



# Finding my path

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## The story of Jasmin Irisha Jim Ilham

Climate and Environment Consultant, UNICEF Malaysia

When Tok<sup>1</sup> could not identify a plant at first glance, he would walk up to it, caress the leaves, touch the stems, and eventually recognize the plant, like seeing an old friend.

I watched him do this throughout my childhood, during our weekend trips to the Forest Research Institute Malaysia, or FRIM—where he worked as a forester.



At FRIM, we'd have a picnic, play badminton, visit the waterfalls, or just walk around and pick up biji saga merah (*Adenanthera* seeds)... I think the seed for my environmental passion was planted then.

A lot of environmentalists are fighting for their causes because they are directly impacted by floods, typhoons and hurricanes. But personally, my interest in environmental advocacy came from a place of appreciation.

For me, nature keeps me rooted and is an enjoyable escape. I live close to the city, with access to basic needs like housing, food and education. I am aware of this privilege—my home is a safe shelter where I get to live comfortably, not a home that is on the verge of being destroyed by climate disasters.



<sup>1</sup> An affectionate term in the Malay language for 'grandfather'.



When I finished secondary school, I was not sure what career to pursue. I wanted to study International Relations, as I was intrigued by the world of diplomacy and power play. But Dad wanted me to follow in his footsteps and take up engineering, for wider job prospects.

Finally, I thought, “What about environmental science?” I have always loved nature. Surprisingly, Dad was cool with this obscure discipline, perhaps because it had the word ‘science’ in it!

Environmental science is humongous, spanning marine, air, biodiversity and so on. I needed to find a niche. I explored different areas, like interning in an environmental consultancy firm and volunteering on a renewable energy project at an indigenous village.

Clarity came when I graduated. I became actively involved in the Malaysian Youth Delegation (MYD), and was one of the delegates who attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP<sup>2</sup>) in 2016 and 2017.



There, I saw the lack of representation from Southeast Asia. We see all these older white men at the decision-making tables. I thought to myself, “Wouldn’t it be great to have more people who are like me attending this?”

At COP, young people have to compete for the limited platforms to formally engage huge corporations and world leaders and speak their minds. They make their voices heard by organizing rallies, strikes or walkouts, thus bringing their message to the attention of the public and decision makers.



<sup>2</sup> Short for the Conference of the Parties, where country leaders along with negotiators, government representatives, businesses and citizens gather to accelerate and assess strategies for addressing climate change.

It is evident that young people from the Global South are severely underrepresented at COP. The Global South consists of regions that are the hardest hit by climate change, including Asia, Latin America and Africa.

This is basically what climate justice means. Climate impacts do not affect all countries equally. Developed and rich nations may have the economic and technological means to delay the effects of climate change. But for poor and developing nations, global warming threatens social and economic stability. Climate disasters threaten the access to safe drinking water, supply and agriculture; not to mention risking homes and heightening risks of infectious diseases.

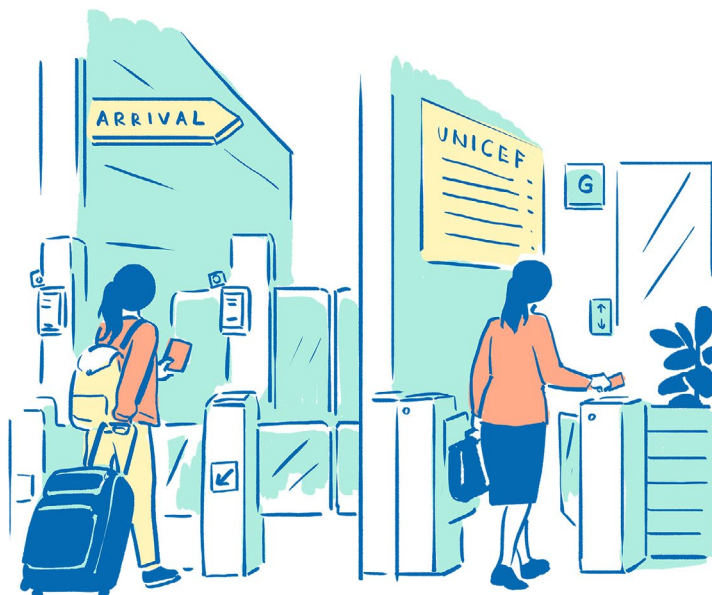


That is why youth voices from the Global South need to be heard at a conference where climate change policies are made—so that the decisions align with the needs and realities of those facing the brunt of the climate crisis and who also have to live with its effects for longer.

My experience at COP showed me where I want to build my career—at the United Nations, in the intersection of climate change science and policy.



In 2019, I pursued a master's degree in Climate and Society at Columbia University in New York. I was at the epicentre of the pandemic when COVID-19 hit in March 2020, and decided to return home to Malaysia. I completed my graduate internship with UNDP Malaysia, then joined UNICEF Malaysia as its first climate and environment consultant.



At UNICEF Malaysia, I contributed towards setting up the climate and environment portfolio.

I co-led the development of various studies, like the [\*Change for Climate\*](#) report that found some startling results—92% of Malaysian youths think that climate change is a crisis. That report continues to drive much of the narrative of UNICEF's climate change work. I also conduct capacity building programmes to prepare local youth delegates attending COP.



In Malaysia, young people are already actively speaking their mind on how the climate crisis affects them, and are amazing at mobilizing the youth movement.

What we need to do is to provide them a platform to help amplify their messages and give them a space to not only speak up, but to also share their knowledge as major stakeholders of the climate crisis.



## Part 2:

# Burning questions, answered

Confused? We take on common questions that youth have when starting out in environmental action, and shed light on a few myths along the way.



Climate change is a problem for the faraway future, right?

**Nope.** For generations, we have been thinking of the environmental crisis as being in the 'distant future'. Now, the 'future' is upon us.

You've heard about the deadly floods and landslides in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand as well as the devastating typhoons in the Philippines in recent years. All of these can be traced back to climate change.

According to the [National Youth Climate Change Survey Malaysia](#) in 2020 by UNDP and UNICEF with support from EcoKnights, nine out of 10 Malaysian youth have experienced environment and climate-related effects in the last three years. This includes haze, water pollution, floods and drought.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that the world has only until 2030 to keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5°C. If this goes higher, there's a critical risk of global food scarcity, water stress, extreme heat, and natural disasters, among others (as if those aren't terrible enough!).

We are the last generation to save our home from man-made climate crisis. Now is the time to act!

Yikes! But I'm only one young person. How can I help tackle such a huge issue?

**It's easy to feel small.**

The environmental crisis is a monster of an issue. Some people also think that individual actions are meaningless because most of the world's greenhouse gas emissions come from big corporations. Yes, corporations are responsible, but we, as consumers, are not off the hook. After all, we're paying for the products and services of these corporations.

So individual actions do matter. Collectively, they make tidal waves of change! The [National Youth Climate Change Survey Malaysia](#) showed that over nine out of 10 youths in Malaysia are already taking personal action to address climate change, including recycling, planting trees, reducing electricity consumption, and changing to a plant-based diet.



I'm not 100% green yet. Will I be a hypocrite to pursue environmentalism?

But how can young people make a difference when we don't get a say in deciding national policies or environmental solutions?

Don't brush these actions off. Through leading by example, you can gradually encourage your family and friends to pick up similar green habits. Then, they can influence others to do the same. With time, imagine the ripple effects your personal action can cause!

You can also amp up your contribution by volunteering or working for an environmental organization. Connecting with other youth environmental leaders to learn from them and exposing yourself to more opportunities in the space can even help alleviate climate anxiety. Where to find them? Start with the YELL directories of [environmental organizations](#) and [youth environmental leaders](#)!

**Doing what you can** is better than not doing anything at all. No one, not even seasoned environmentalists, are totally environmentally friendly.

Yet, every step you make in reducing your carbon footprint, and the challenges you face in doing so, allows you to better understand the realities of environmental work and the problems that need solving.

Joining environmental programmes can also guide you on how to do more, effectively!

**Sad but true.** Young people are largely excluded from conversations on climate policies and solutions. Children are also often positioned as victims of climate change, not stakeholders with a seat at the decision-making table.

Still, youth have the potential to make a great impact. In Malaysia, youth account for 43% of the country's population. They are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, which means they can also be the loudest voice to combat climate change.

All we hear about is Greta Thunberg. Her European urban background seems so different from mine. Is environmentalism more for Westerners?

Since 2018, world-renowned teen activist Greta Thunberg has shown that young people can bring unstoppable momentum to drive pressure for climate action—her one-person protest in front of the Swedish parliament has evolved into a Global Climate Strike involving millions.

In fact, in 2019, 16-year-old Thunberg lambasted world leaders at a UN climate summit for failing to tackle greenhouse gas emissions—proving that age is no barrier for speaking truth to power.

**Not at all!** There are many young environmental heroes from Southeast Asia who may not be as internationally recognized, but have made impressive strides in their fight for a safer future.

One of them is Aroe Ajoeni, co-founder of Klima Action Malaysia (KAMY), who held her own solo environmental protest in front of her college despite warnings from her institution to stop. She went on to help lead the Global Climate Strike in Malaysia.

Sahana Kaur, a 17-year-old Malaysian student, founded Project All for All to empower young people to take part in civic engagement and advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Her effort has reached more than 5,000 people around the world.

Mogesh Sababathy, a graduate of marine biology, co-founded the ocean conservation NGO Project Ocean Hope that has reached more than 10,000 people in 15 countries.

Mitzi Jonelle Tan, the international spokesperson for Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines, organized several protests despite the hefty risks of being an environmental rights defender in the Philippines—29 were killed in 2020.

You can read the comics of two local youth leaders' journeys on Page 6, and more stories in the [YELL directories](#).

Okay, I want to take action, but I feel alone. How can I get to know more people in environmentalism?

Wait, does taking action mean I have to pick up a placard and protest? That's not really my thing.

I want to work full-time in the environmental space. But what paths are there?

**You are not alone** in feeling alone! Many young environmentalists in Malaysia said they started out feeling isolated, but they credited social media for helping them connect to like-minded people.

Browsing through the YELL directories of local [youth leaders](#) and [environmental organizations](#) can be a great start. Read their stories, follow their social media pages, and perhaps strike up a conversation or two—just remember to keep the chat cool and courteous no matter how fired up you are.

**Nope, there are more ways** than one to take action.

Have time to spare? Volunteer for local environmental groups (here's [a list](#)). Are you artistic and social media savvy? Design compelling social media posts on environmental issues to educate the public (just make sure your references are reliable and that you credit the source). Are there grants you can access? Conduct research. Know of an unused space? Reclaim it to plant trees. Have a way with words? Write to your local government or start a petition to propose a policy change.

The sky's the limit!

**Good on you!** There is a pressing need for environmental specialists in non-profit organizations, social enterprises, the government, corporations and even academic institutions.

Besides that, urban planners, food scientists, environmental legal and policy experts, environmental scientists, environmental engineers, conservation scientists, foresters and biochemists all play a major role in the race towards managing and reducing the impacts of climate change in the government, academia and consultancies.

The private sector is also doubling down on sustainability as investors are growing keen on businesses with an eco-focus. So, sustainability

Does a career in environmental work demand high levels of education?

experts with a corporate calling can make a decent living too. For example, according to a recent posting on job portal Jobstreet.com, the monthly salary for a sustainability manager for an investment holding company in Kuala Lumpur is RM6,000 to RM10,000, while an environmental specialist for a multinational computer hardware company can earn between RM6,000 to RM8,000 per month.

**It is possible** to build a career in environmental work without tertiary education. For example, Adzmin Fatta, programme manager at Reef Check Malaysia and co-founder of Green Sem-porna, only finished secondary school education (read his story on Page 7). He was formerly with another renowned organization, WWF Malaysia—an indication that the lack of a college degree did not hamper his career much.

But, according to him, many NGOs still prefer to hire candidates with at least a degree. So, while a tertiary education qualification is not the be-all and end-all of one's job prospects within environmentalism, it does lend one an advantage.

Do I need a science studies background to do environmental work?

**Not at all.** Many other arts and humanities disciplines are invaluable to the sector.

For example, Macaranga is a journalism portal that highlights environmental and sustainability issues in Malaysia. Graphic design capabilities are much needed in developing captivating social media content to educate and inform the public.

Environmental law experts are crucial for litigation, such as on indigenous land rights or the pollution of natural resources. Political science or public policy experts engage government and corporation to push through environmental agendas. Environmental economists apply principles of economics to the development and management of scarce resources, allowing for ringgit-and-cents discussions with government and corporations. The possibilities are endless!

All this talk about the climate crisis is making me anxious, angry, and sad. Does taking environmental action mean having these emotions all the time?

## We're going to be honest:

distress, anger and despondency do hit those working with the environment at varying levels.

The psychological impact of fearing an 'environmental doom' has been documented in a [survey](#) of 10,000 young people in 10 countries. The highest proportion of respondents who reported feeling 'very worried' or 'extremely worried' by climate change came from the Philippines (84%), India (68%) and Brazil (67%)—these are also nations that have been worst hit by climate change.

When asked how they dealt with such emotions, several young environmentalists in Malaysia said seeking support from a close network of friends and mentors helped them through the dark times.

Another way is to break down the huge environmental crisis into smaller, actionable chunks. For example, the problem of capping worldwide global warming to a maximum of 1.5°C seems insurmountable. But running a 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle) programme in a local neighbourhood is much less daunting.

Some also found success in transforming their anger and anxiety into action. The good news is that 90% of young people in Malaysia are overwhelmingly confident in their abilities to make a difference with regards to climate change, according to the [National Youth Climate Change Survey Malaysia](#) by UNDP and UNICEF.

Still, if you are experiencing overwhelming emotional distress or are having suicidal thoughts, please call [Befrienders Malaysia](#) at +603-76272929 for free or email them at [sam@befrienders.org.my](mailto:sam@befrienders.org.my). Their phone lines are manned 24/7 by trained volunteers who are ready to listen and provide support.

You can also call [Buddy Bear](#), which supports children and teens experiencing emotional distress. They are available at the toll free number 1800-18-2327(BEAR) every day, from 12pm to 12am.

## Part 3:

# Captain Planet

Meet inspiring young Malaysians who are taking the lead in the environmental action scene





## Nurul Shakila Mohamad Zain

Media Officer,  
Persatuan Aktivis Sahabat Alam (KUASA)

Selangor

From the stories of fellow grassroots members, particularly among the Orang Asli (indigenous people), local farmers and fishermen, Nurul Shakila was inspired to participate in numerous projects and organizations, most notably the #hutanpergimana campaign that sought to pressure the local authorities against degazetting the Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve. The experience, Shakila said, opened her eyes about the power people have when they come together for a common cause.

Yet it was not all beds of roses for her. She has received numerous threats, including sex and death threats, in her effort to protect nature. The problem, Shakila says, is that people misunderstand their intentions. People tend to believe that because one is passionate about saving trees, they are against development, yet this is untrue. "We are pro-sustainable development, not anti-development," she said.



“Be brave  
and be  
ready to  
relearn and  
un-learn.”

“Have a  
go-to book or note  
that could remind  
you of your values,  
and why you're on  
this journey.”



## Alcila Abby Anak Afflin

Founder and President,  
Kuching Beach Cleaners

Sarawak

As a little girl, Alcila spent most of her weekends at her grandparents' house in the kampung (village). It was one of the only places she could go to climb trees, play in the woods, and swim in the river. Nature felt close to her in this place.

In college, she joined a trip to the beach and was shocked when she saw the state of the beach that she used to love as a little girl. Rubbish littered the area, staining the natural beauty of the place.

This drove Alcila to found the Sarawak Beach Cleaners. Periodically, they would organize beach cleaning activities. She had herself in the past struggled with self-doubt and lack of confidence that she could make any difference but has since learned that those very self-doubts were what prevented so many from doing good. "One can contribute to conservation by the simplest actions," she said. "Bring your own bottle, say no to plastic bags. It does not cost much."

## Quek Yew Aun

Assistant Secretary,  
Ministry of Energy and  
Natural Resources, Malaysia

Selangor

Yew Aun originally pursued his studies in aquatic biology before embarking on his studies in biodiversity, conservation and management in Oxford University.

An avid scuba diver, Yew Aun wants to preserve the sight of the coral reefs of Malaysia. His passion led him to co-found Reef Stakes®, a role-playing card game on the marine environment that won the 8th International Education Games Competition.

He has conducted extensive research to analyze the health and calcification rates of coral reefs, gathered data on dolphin surveys, and sampled aquatic insects in his mission to save the ocean life of the country. On land, Yew Aun has also done work as a conservation officer, where he helped coordinate outreach activities and draft advocacy statements.



“Find ways to develop your capacity.”

“Mobilizing with a community or a group of friends will make this journey less lonely and more fun!”



## Nurfatin Najihah Hamzah

Co-founder and Coordinator,  
Youths United for Earth (YUFE)

Terengganu

Nurfatin Najihah volunteered for the Royal Belum State Park in 2019. She gained experience working with the Jahai Orang Asli for a waste management project, which also allowed her to connect with the children of the Orang Asli. There, she saw the challenges that the indigenous communities face every day.

She saw the daily risks that come with human-wildlife conflict. She saw the effects of poverty, and underappreciation of local knowledge. And in that experience, she also saw how everything ties into what her generation is also facing, which are the repercussions of climate and environmental change.

Inspired to act, Nurfatin Najihah is now a forest steward to protect the indigenous people and seek environmental justice.



## Sahana Kaur

Capacity-Building Working Group,  
Malaysian Youth Delegation (MYD)

Selangor

From a young age, Sahana has made headlines in Malaysia for her extensive involvement in local and international conferences, forums and events related to environmental advocacy and climate change. The activist and youth advocate that champions human rights and climate action started small—in school-based events in her area. Since then, she has branched into regional and global work concerning climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Lodged in Sahana's memory was the experience of co-organizing the Pre-Youth4Climate Workshop in 2021. The programme, which involved guest speakers around the world and was live-streamed on local television, allowed her to participate in closed-door dialogues with local youth climate advocates. Together, they compiled ideas and opinions in an output report to drive youth empowerment for climate action in Malaysia.

“Digital spaces help us contribute remotely to efforts overseas, but don't neglect local grassroots work either!”

## Alex Lim Swee Yong

Sustainability Executive of a  
major Malaysian bank

Selangor

As an undergraduate, Lim took on a two-year Clean Our Plate project to lead a group of project managers around Malaysia. In his role, Lim analyzed the food trends of educational institutions, quantified their impact, and measured the awareness and behaviour change of students. Slowly, multiple institutions began their own food waste projects, led by their students.

Now, Lim is in corporate sustainability. To Lim, while there is truth that companies' business models often hinder them from making huge changes for the environment, there is still a role consumers can play to pressure these companies while acknowledging the efforts made. As always, less blaming, more cooperation and action are ways to help bring forth sustainable and lasting change.

“Pay attention to your surroundings. From there, you will realize what environmental action you can take.”





# Part 4:

# Finding your tribe

Ready to take action? Consider joining these environmental organizations to make the journey less daunting.





## Klima Action Malaysia (KAMY)

Projects in: All states in West Malaysia

Learn more: [www.klimoactionmalaysia.org](http://www.klimoactionmalaysia.org)

A climate justice movement of multidisciplinary branches that has reached more than a million people in Malaysia, led mostly by local youth in the country.

Accepts:

Volunteers

Interns

Job inquiries

Project proposals



## Green Semporna

Projects in: Sabah

Learn more: [www.facebook.com/GreenSemporna](https://www.facebook.com/GreenSemporna)

An NGO that combines research and the empowerment of youth and local community to explore marine conservation through volunteerism.

Accepts:

Volunteers

Interns

Project proposals



## Youths United for Earth (YUFE)

Projects in: All states in Malaysia

Learn more: [www.instagram.com/yufemy](https://www.instagram.com/yufemy)

A youth-led project that pairs aspiring environmentalists with industry leaders to explore the professional potential in developing careers in green industries.

Accepts:

Volunteers

Project proposals



## Native Discovery

Projects in: Selangor, Kuala Lumpur

Learn more: [www.discovernative.org](http://www.discovernative.org)

A social enterprise seeking to protect indigenous communities' livelihoods and celebrate local traditional knowledge through community-based tourism.

Accepts:

Volunteers

Interns

Job inquiries

Project proposals



## Sea Turtle Research Unit

Projects in: Terengganu

Learn more: [seatru.umt.edu.my](http://seatru.umt.edu.my)

A multidisciplinary organization that is dedicated to the conservation, research and outreach of Malaysia's sea turtles.

Accepts:

Volunteers

Interns

Project proposals



## Akasia Resources (Acasia)

Projects in: Johor, Kedah, Penang, Sabah, Sarawak, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Labuan, Putrajaya

Learn more: [acasiagroupmy.com](http://acasiagroupmy.com)

A group of companies and associates/partners that provides consulting services and solutions for sustainable business development.

Accepts:

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## Malaysian Youth Delegation (MYD)

Projects in: Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya

Learn more: [mydclimate.org](https://mydclimate.org)

A youth-led climate policy, research, advocacy and diplomacy organization that runs workshops and research projects to enhance youth literacy on climate change and policy.

Accepts:

Volunteers

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## Pasar Grub

Projects in: Sarawak, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya

Learn more: [www.pasargrub.com](https://www.pasargrub.com)

Pasar Grub is a social enterprise that channels affordable surplus produce to Malaysia's Bottom 40% (B40) community to tackle zero hunger, overcome food waste, and help locals in need.

Accepts:

Volunteers

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## UnPackt Pte Ltd

Projects in: Singapore

Learn more: [www.unpackt.com.sg](https://www.unpackt.com.sg)

A zero-waste bulk store in Singapore that educates its customers on sustainable living, especially to opt for natural and eco-friendly products.

Accepts:

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