

First Year Action Plan

The Action Plan for our first year Goal will focus on deepening the “Ecological Education” of our Sisters. As we grow in the awareness of how our daily choices and decisions impact our global community, we will be motivated to become responsible consumers. We will be moved to take actions that we can share with others.

We are asking each local community to focus their environmental education on one of the suggested topics, or one of their choosing, during the course of this year. Perhaps they could research and discuss these for part of their Local Assembly.

- 1) Carbon Footprint
 - a) Websites
 - i. [Global Footprint Network](#)
 - ii. [Carbonfund.org](#)
 - iii. Carbon Footprint Climate Change: Your Carbon Footprint Explained
[Climate Change: Your carbon footprint explained - BBC News](#)
 - b) Videos
 - i. [The Best Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint | Hot Mess !\[\]\(38441ceaa711016e0bf2ad46ad394ff4_img.jpg\)](#)
 - ii. [Simple Animated Video: What is a carbon footprint? What can you do about yours?](#)
 - c) Articles
 - i. [How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint - A Year of Living Better Guides](#)
 - ii. [Carbon Footprint Factsheet | Center for Sustainable Systems](#)
- 2) Water Quality
 - a) Websites
 - i. [Importance of Water Quality and Testing | Public Water Systems | Drinking Water | Healthy Water | CDC](#)
 - ii. [Water Quality | US Geological Survey](#)
 - iii. The Water Crisis: National Geographic [The Water Crisis | National Geographic](#)
 - b) Videos
 - i. [Protecting Water Quality for People and the Environment](#)
 - ii. [Explained | World's Water Crisis | FULL EPISODE | Netflix](#)
 - c) Articles
 - i. [Water Pollution: Everything You Need to Know](#)
 - ii. [How does water pollution affect human health?](#)
- 3) Recycling
 - a) Websites
 - i. [Recycling Basics | US EPA](#)
 - ii. [23 Best Recycling Tips at Home, School, & Work | ReuseThisBag.com](#)

- b) Videos
 - i. [VIDEO: Is Recycling Worth It Anymore? People On The Front Lines Say Maybe Not](#)
 - ii. [Opinion | The Great Recycling Con - The New York Time](#)
 - c) Articles
 - i. [Recycling meets reality](#)
 - ii. [Recycling in America Is a Mess. A New Bill Could Clean It Up.](#)
 - iii. [Tracking your plastic: Exposing recycling myths \(Marketplace\)](#)
- 4) Conservation of Natural Resources
- a) Websites
 - i. [Conserving the Earth | National Geographic Society](#)
 - b) Videos
 - i. <https://why.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/science/earth-and-space-science/natural-resources/>
 - ii. [A New Kind of Conservation](#)
 - c) Articles
 - i. [40+ Terrific Ways to Conserve Natural Resources](#)
 - ii. [Your Guide to Understanding Energy Conservation](#)
- 5) Other:
- a) Websites
 - i. <https://www.ecophilly.org/>
 - ii. https://ansp.org/get-involved/small-actions-spark-big-changes/?qclid=CjwKCAjwur-SBhB6EiwA5sKtjg25mC2kcxTa3FlpBGwRarlwVuv8YoGv38aJQAbUpuyltzCnmjyaihoCawkQAvD_BwE (Academy of Natural Sciences)
 - iii. [Environmental Topics | US EPA](#)
 - iv. [A readers' guide to 'Laudato Si' | National Catholic Reporter](#)
 - v. [Climate Change | The Franklin Institute](#)
 - vi. PennFuture <https://www.pennfuture.org>