



# Youth in Action: "Green Youth Citizens"



*Building Youth Network beyond the Borders to Make Changes in Our Community*

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The Green Youth Citizens is an innovative youth project to create a transnational network between Europe and Asia. The project is funded by European Commission under Youth in Action project. The project is implemented with five partner countries- Bangladesh, Spain, Turkey, India and Nepal. In Bangladesh ESDO is implementing the project.

### Objectives:

-  Exchange of best practice between different countries in Europe and Asia
-  Youth and youth leaders' access to examples of good practice in environment
-  Promoting active citizenship of young people
-  Empowerment of disadvantaged participating young people

## ESDO Initiatives: Introducing the Green Club to Youths

In Bangladesh Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO is implementing the Green Youth Citizens project. In the project one of the goals is to introduce a best practice in local community by involving the youth. ESDO has introduced Green Club as the best practice to bring change in the community. ESDO is working with children and youths since 1995 through different activities, such as forming clubs.



However, this time the idea is changed by working through Green Club and bringing privileged and underprivileged youths in one banner.

### Bangladesh: Environmental Perspectives

Bangladesh is one of the countries which are affected by both global and domestic pollution, resulting in severe environmental repercussions.

In addition to anthropogenic causes, Bangladesh is facing threat because of its geographical location that makes it more prone to natural disasters.

### Youth as Environmental Leaders

Youths can be assets in addressing these environmental issues and to build an environmental movement.

By community involvement they can become the changing factors from root level. At the same time environmental movement can cultivate the sense of responsible citizenship among the youth towards second generation of environmental leaders.



### Look for Future:

The creation of a European - Asian network active in youth organizations, who will act as the exchange of best practices in youth activities and be the change makers.