
YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS

A

When 14-year-old Carla Engstrom had a holiday in Ethiopia, she met some children from a village school. They said they had no fresh water and walked two kilometres every day to get it. 'It just didn't seem right', said Carla, 'so I decided to do something.' Back in Oslo, Norway, she visited engineering companies to learn about supplying water. After she made a TV programme about her project, people began to send money to her JustGiving page on the Internet. 'We finished the first project last year, and the school now has fresh water', says Carla, 'and now I want to help as many people as possible.'

B

Sanjay, 16, lives just outside Delhi, India, and his house is not far from the city's biggest rubbish dump. When his brother became ill because of the toxic waste coming off the dump, Sanjay decided to take action. He learnt everything he could about recycling and persuaded the local government to build a recycling centre for the local area. 'There's lots to do, but we're making progress. More people are now recycling things, and the centre is making money by selling glass, paper and metal to companies that need them.'

C

Londoner Harry Jackson, 26, first became interested in elephants after reading a library book about the problems the animals faced. After doing biology at university, he started his own film company. He has travelled all over Africa, India and Thailand making films about elephants. He has had several frightening experiences with dangerous criminals because of his documentaries, but he is going to continue. 'It is shocking that people kill elephants for their ivory; if I can help to stop it, I will.'

D

Thai schoolgirl Kamlai, 15, is part of an organisation that gets people to clean up beaches and reduce the amount of plastic that pollutes the sea. 'I know I can only make a small difference here on Ko Samui', she says, 'but there are thousands of other teams of people like me all over the world. Together we can make a big change by teaching people about the problem. After spending a day with us collecting rubbish from the beach, people understand the problem and start wanting to help.'

EX 1 Read the text. Choose the correct text (A, B, C or D). Which text talks about someone who ...

1 is part of an international group? _____

2 took action because a relative got sick? _____

3 has worked in many different countries? _____

4 regularly helps to clean up a polluted area? _____

5 wants to help animals that are in danger? _____

6 heard about a problem from some students? _____

EX 2 READ again the four texts about people who are interested in the environment and complete the sentences below. Write one or two words in each gap.

1 Carla thought it was _____ that children had no fresh water.

2 People heard about Carla after she appeared on _____.

3 Sanjay got the _____ to do something about the waste problem.

4 Harry went on to study _____ after leaving school.

5 Harry wants to stop criminals from _____.

6 Kamlai is worried about the pollution caused by _____.