

The Change I want To make In My School.

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Bhutan is a peaceful mountainous country. The people live in harmony with each other. But it does not mean that a peaceful country don't have any problems. Every country has problems and its in need of change with the change of time.

Among the problems, I would like to talk about waste. Waste has been eye sore. Waste like bottles, plastics, papers and rags etc are seen in nook and corner. Because of the waste, different pollutions arise making the life of the people and animals uneasy and destroying the pristine environment of our country.

When the waste are thrown in the forest, the animals consume the waste and get infected or killed, the forest gets polluted, the plants and trees cannot grow well thus the ecosystem gets ruined. When the rain falls or in monsoon season, the water gets clogged and the waste does not allow water to seep into the soil. The waste does not decay and the foul smell spreads to nook and corner of the forest, leading to air pollution thus the animals do not get good fresh air to breathe.

Throwing waste is another concern for many of us. The garbage in the water affects the aquatic animals, leading to many disasters like water pollution, sickness, infections and death to aquatic animals. The water becomes infected and makes the life of aquatic animals and plants a miserable one. Time will come where there will be no clean water for drinking.

In the towns we see the dustbins placed in front of every shops yet garbage scene is common. Whenever there is an event or a program, people do not take care of their waste so at the end of the event, the venue is carpeted with trash. People throw both degradable and non degradable waste, not knowing the consequence of throwing it.

As a little girl, I would like to be a change of an agent, an agent to make a difference in my school through advocacy in managing the waste. I am in Peer Helper Club and I will begin from my club members by asking my club friends to help me in my advocacy program. First I will inform my club members the pros and cons of not taking care of the

waste. In the morning assembly, I will volunteer to give speech and talks about the waste management and make the students aware of the importance of taking care of one's own waste. With the help of Health Coordinators, we will organize cleaning campaign every month and make sure everyone participates and takes the responsibility of keeping our area clean.

I would get help of my club members to put container or dust bins in every corner of the school campus and advocate the students to use the dustbins wisely. The club will also plan and organize monthly pet bottles collection competition. We will announce to the children to collect pet bottles and bring it in the school. Monthly, with the help of our teacher we will sell the pet bottles and give ten percent of the profit to the highest pet bottles contributor. Rest of the money we will use it to carry out our campaign of waste management. In line with pet bottles, we can ask children to contribute their old books too.

I would request the schools prefects to encourage the students to bring reusable containers to carry their water and bags to carry their lunch box. Discourage children from bringing packaged junk foods and plastic carry bags. Let students take care of their waste and make it a habit of carrying back their waste.

I strongly believe that if everyone carryout the waste management policy seriously, we can address to the issues of waste and preserve our pristine forest, water and environment before it's too late and becomes a nation issue. Thus I repeat again, I want to be a change of an Agent, an agent to make my school litter free zone.