

How can teens strengthen environmental sustainability in schools?

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Across Uganda, environmental challenges such as poor waste disposal, plastic pollution, and water misuse continue to affect both communities and learning institutions. As such, teens play a vital role in taking care of their environment, especially within schools where daily habits can either harm or protect surrounding ecosystems.

At Mengo Secondary School, through the Green Vests Initiative Club, students are actively engaging in conversations and actions aimed at promoting environmental sustainability. In this article, they share their opinions on how young people can strengthen environmental sustainability.



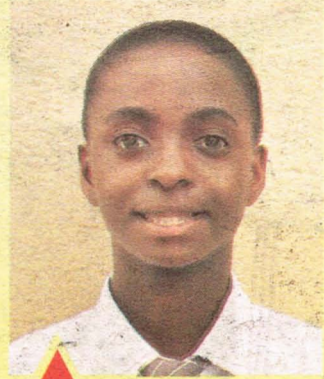
Favor Mulungi Namono, S.6

They should create environmental clubs because these are effective in spreading awareness and encouraging action. Also, plant trees and take responsibility for taking care of them.



Rebecca Doreen Iskot, S.4

Instead of just disposing off plastics, we can reuse them to make items like bags. Teens should also teach others practical skills to create useful products. Separate waste to make management easier and understand the dangers of burning waste and poor disposal methods.



Samantha Nakigudde, S.4

Since many teens enjoy entertainment, schools can organise events where students showcase environmental projects.



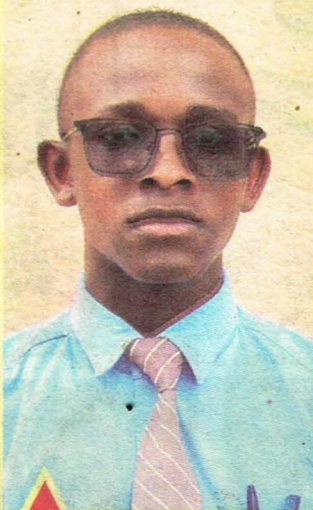
Patriq Wasajja, S.6

Teens should collaborate with different clubs in schools to spread messages about avoiding littering and using alternatives such as paper bags instead of plastics.



Namatta Tetrax, S.6

We can leverage technology like our phones to reach out to others through different platforms. Students can use social media to sensitise the community about environmental protection.



Joshua Mukilbi, S.4

Start environmental projects and promote strong slogans such as *A healthy environment begins with you* through clubs. This helps teens take ownership and understand the benefits of protecting the environment.



Jonathan Paul Lubwama, S.4

Understand the benefits of conserving the environment. This can help reduce problems such as flooding and air pollution, which can cause diseases.



Julian Nakalyango, S.6

It all begins with us. We have to be responsible and avoid practices such as deforestation. This is our environment, and it is up to all of us to protect it.