Community Partnership

An existing partnership stems from the University of Guelph and the Guelph community. Over the past two years members (mostly University of Guelph students) have volunteered to mentor youth through the delivery of our program to three elementary public schools. The schools involved are Rickson Ridge Public School, Jean Little Public School and Aberfoyle Public School. Each school’s participation in the program has inspired a total of over 800 students to create projects and reduce their school’s footprint in ways such as:

- Community gardens
- Paper and waste management
- Improved use of their school facility
- Bottle free lunches
- Composting

In addition to teaching the elementary school students, we have trained over fifty mentors from the University of Guelph. My world, my choice! plans to continue to expand with the addition of more schools and also a new outreach program. Our partnership model shows how each group involved links up as students grow and can benefit from the program. We have seen many insightful and inspiring ideas result from these projects, and we will continue to challenge students to become the forward thinking leaders of their generation.

Partnerships across the Globe

Our first project was in Bangalore, India, then in Calgary, Alberta and Guelph, Ontario. The demographics of Bangalore are different than Guelph, but whether Indian or Ontarian, the message is universal: responsible choices make all the difference no matter what side of the world you are on.

My world, my choice! Program Model

Motivated University of Guelph students and young professionals are selected to be mentors.

A classroom workshop is run by the mentors introducing the concept of sustainability to students.

Students experience an interactive simulation day to further understand the concepts, aiming a more in-depth understanding of sustainability.

Mentors guide the students for 4 weeks as they develop and work on projects that provide real benefits to their school.

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The mentors and students join a global network committed to making the world a more sustainable place!

We want to show students that the choices they make have a lasting impact on our world. Understanding that the environmental, economic, and social well-being of our planet are tied together through the choices our community makes every day is the first step to moving forward.

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