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HUMAN NATURE PROJECTS ONTARIO

IMPACT REPORT 2022

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Dear Community Members,

The year 2022 has come to an end and has been a year of tremendous growth for Human Nature Projects (HNP) Ontario.

Our organization was founded in 2021 and strives to raise awareness for current environmental issues around the world. We are a sub branch from our overarching organization, Human Nature Projects Canada, which our team was able to federally register in January 2022! We want to drive change through educating and connecting our community with opportunities.

Our goal for 2022 was to be able to establish the organization, expand our team and host in person events. We were able to host various events online and in person that challenged our community to learn and take steps toward change. Our online panels consisted of Youth Indigenous Voices and an Eco-Career Panel which invited people with expertise to share their perspectives and educate the community. We were able to host 2 Community Clean Ups with over 200 participants. Through our April Clean Up, we were featured in an article by the Home Pitch. In our October Clean Up, we were graced with the presence of the Councillor Santos of Brampton City. In October, we were featured on the Spark Show podcast by Ignite Fair. Through our journey, this year we were awarded various grants such as the Rising Youth Grant and Canada Post Grant which supported us incredibly in our in-person events.

We want to thank everyone for their tremendous support to our organizations and our executive team for their incredible work for our cause.

We are extremely excited for the year 2023 and the amazing events and projects we have in store! In the new year, we are looking forward to grow and achieve our goals of expansion, outreach, and advocacy.

Thank you,
Srija Das, Muhammad Ansar, Kiyan Sajadi
Leadership Team

Letter from Leadership

ABOUT HNP ONTARIO

HISTORY

Founded in October 2020 by three students (Srija Das, Theo Liu, and Muhammad Ansar), HNP Ontario now has a growing number of 50+ executive members.

MISSION

HNP Ontario to educate the community regarding pressing environmental issues in order to prompt more sustainable development and DRIVE environmental change in our community

Environmental change

Education

Opportunities

Build Community

FUTURE

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YEAR IN NUMBERS

in 2022, we had...

$2000+ raised from grants, sponsorships, and fundraisers

1000+ volunteers at in-person and onine events

50+ executive members

19 different sponsors supporting events and volunteers

10 collaborations with other North American environmental organizations

6 high-impact events hosted

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ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

In 2022 we had 6 main department lead by the Leadership Team of Project Leads and Vice Presidents:

External Affairs:
The **Events department** deal with event planning and sponsorships.
The **Marketing department** manages our social media platforms.
Internal Affairs:
The **Finance department** manages the teams' financial status and grant applications.
The **Human Resources department** takes care of the HNP Ontario team members.
Development:
The **Communications department** is responsible for the monthly newsletters.
The **Operations department** oversees the general committee members and the ambassador program.

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HEALING OUR PLANET
EVENTS

High Park Cleanup

- 170+ community volunteers
- 80 bags worth of garbage collected
- $700 in prizes!

Invasive Species Pull

- 60+ community volunteers
- In collaboration with Toronto Nature Stewarts and Toronto Master Gardeners

Samuel Conner Pond Cleanup

- 250+ community volunteers
- 30+ bags worth of garbage collected
- $350 in prizes!

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EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY

EVENTS

Youth Indigenous Voices Panel

- 3 young indigenous activist guest speakers
- 100+ people in attendance
- In collaboration with YCAT, Project Planet A, Project Environment, Gartenbank Society, and Climate Justice Durham

Eco Careers Webinar

- Featuring a marine biologist, eco-friendly small business owner, and Canadian Wildlife Federation specialist sharing insights on environmental career choices and how to live a sustainable lifestyle
- 120+ people in attendance

The Touch of a Green Leader: A Reverse Poem

We need a green leader.
The trees have lost their colour,
the sun has lost its light.
Symbols of a better world are gone.
There is no Planet B.
This is our only chance,
to make a better world for ourselves.

Our trees and grass are dying
and yet you still say
this planet is okay.

So, who cares that there is no Planet B?
It does not affect me.
I will not be here
when the world ends.
The sun shines brighter than ever,
the trees are still healthy.
Do we need a green leader?

-now read it backwards!

Liberal Arts Competition

- Explored the theme of greenwashing in the corporate industry through essays, poems, articles, and visual art
- 45+ unique submissions

EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY
MARKETING AND OUTREACH

5 Editions and 200+ subscribers...

to our newsletter featuring global environmental issues and progress, as well as team updates and events

3200+ followers

across our social media platforms. We've educated our global following on natural disasters, invasive species, carbon footprints, climate newsand more

PERSONAL AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Purpose

- Ensuring access to mentorship and personal development for all executive and general team members
- Growth and development of our team members leads to growth and development of our organization and community

Acknowledgements of 2022

Grant Achievements

#RISINGYOUTH
community service grants

Value: $1500

Rising Youth Grant provides opportunity for youth communities to make an impact in the community. HNP Ontario received this grant funding in May 2022 where the money was used to fund our first garbage cleanup and our first invasive species pull. Both events were a great success with the help of the funding.

Value: $870

Canada Post Foundation Grant provides organizations funds to create changes in the community. HNP Ontario revived this grant funding in April 2022 with a $870 amount. The money was used to fund our first invasive species pull and our second garbage cleanup. Both events were a great success with the help of the funding.

Collaborations of 2022

Youth Indigenous Voices Panel

Invasive Species Pull Event

Guest Speakers

Youth Indigenous Voices Panel

Anellah Orosz
Kya Steinberg Parker
Jesslynn Friday

Eco Career Webinar

Lisa Chen
Chris Kallick
Josh Dewitt

Special Thank You to Councillor Rowena Santos of Ward 1 and Ward 5 in Brampton City

Community Spotlights

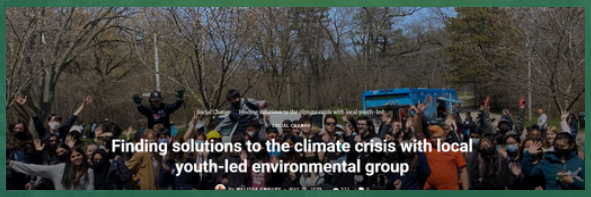
"Making the World Happen" All Events Community Award

Ignite Fair Attendee

HNP Ontario attended Canada's largest youth-run volunteer fair to offer volunteer opportunities and talk about our impact and the environment

The Spark Show Feature

HNP Ontario's co-founders spoke on Ignite Fair's Podcast. Listen to "Driving Environmental Change ft. HNP Ontario" on Spotify!



"LOOKING INTO OUR FUTURE, WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME REALISTICALLY TO FIX THIS, BUT WE MUST START SOMEWHERE. START NOW. START TODAY. IT'S DIFFICULT, BUT MAKE THE EFFORT, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME."

Executive co-director Srija Das

Feature Article in the Home Pitch

HNP Ontario was featured for our community cleanup and more in the Home Pitch newsletter, a community-powered journalism group serving underrepresented communities in Toronto.

Sponsors

Thank you to all sponsors for supporting HNP Ontario's events and outreach efforts!

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Stone Baked Pizza

cheekbone

KELSEYS original ROADHOUSE

Executive Team of 2022

Leadership Team
Muhammad Ansar - Co-Founder, Executive Director, Project Lead
Srija Das - Co-Founder, Executive Director, Project Lead
Kiyan Sajadi - Vice President of Development
Ridah Afshal - Vice President of Internal Affairs
Iris Cui - Vice President of External Affairs

Events Team
Cindy Zhu - Events Director
Danya Shafi - Events Director
Helia Sayadnasab - Events Director
Diana Kowsari - Events Associate
Faith Lee - Events Associate
Eris Giang - Events Associate
Stephen Antonios - Events Associate
Kyla Zhang - Events Associate

Finance Team
Eden Lee - Finance Co-Director
William Lee - Finance Co-Director
Likhitha Koppula - Finance Associate
Aurelia Lai - Finance Associate
Anicka Wilfred - Finance Associate
Carrie Liu - Finance Associate

Human Resources Team
Sierra Yoo - Human Resources Director
Kaithleen Gacita - Human Resources Director
Vani Singh - Human Resources Associate
Abtin Zaker - Human Resources Associate
Destiny Sha - Human Resources Associate

Marketing Team
Alina Riabova - Marketing Director
Christine Qin - Marketing Director
Ada Wang - Marketing Director
Duru Unal - Marketing Associate
Anjali Pathmanthan - Marketing Associate
Emily Dong - Marketing Associate
Tara Rezaei Zare - Marketing Associate
Brandon Yoo - Marketing Associate

Communications Team
Neelaksha Srisangar - Communications Director
Naomi Massimiani - Communications Associate
Vishurdeey Sivakumar - Communications Associate
Tracy Lin - Communications Associate
Mason Lyn - Communications Associate

Operations Team
Samiksha Satthy - Operations Director
Adrien Ravindran - Operations Director
Junbeen Yang - Operations Associate
Shouvik Bhadra - Operations Associates
Kelly Li - Website Developer
Evana Mahmud - Website Developer
Aditi Chaturvedi - Website Developer

General Committee Members
Jacklyn Chen
Emily Yuan
Amanda Liu
Diane He
Faria Chowdhury
Diana Rahmani
Grace Chen

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