



# Successful GreenTeens Workshop for Youth Parliament

Every Saturday, the young members of "Hóben Goberná" Youth Parliament receive training on a number of topics in Saturday November 17, 2018, that was delivered by Greenkidz Curaçao as part of the GreenTeens campaign: "A World Without Waste," which was sponsored by Coca-Cola Curaçao.



The youngsters received training on pollution in Curaçao, as well as on methods for reducing, reusing, recycling and discarding plastics. During the interactive session, the GreenTeens instructors expanded on the dangers that plastics pose to the environment, with the note that the environment is what we are all part of. The youth-parliament members were also able to share their own experiences and learn how to correctly sort plastics for recycling.

Next, the youths "speed dated" with green role models who are already doing much for the environment in Curaçao. These included

representatives of Coca-Cola Curaçao, Limpi Recycling, BPM, Plastic Free Curaçao, the Ministry of Health, Environment and Nature, and teachers and private-sector managers who are advocating change within their respective schools and businesses.

During these speed dating sessions, each of the "Hóben Goberná" Youth-Parliament committees had the chance to ask questions and share their vision for a waste-free Curaçao by 2030. The youngsters used the information to create a mind map that is to serve as inspiration for their own future projects and initiatives targeting Curaçao's youth community.

Environmental awareness is an issue that kept coming up during the training, and the youth parliament member committed themselves to continue raising awareness of this specific issue in Curaçao, and to make changes to their own use of plastics. Curaçao may therefore expect further collaboration between GreenKidz Curaçao and the "Hóben Goberná" Youth Parliament towards an environmentally aware and waste-free Curaçao by 2030.

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