

1.5 Crew Training Kit



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Introduction

Climate change is a pressing issue facing the world, and it will continue to worsen if actions are not taken. Often, we prioritise things like capitalism and competition over addressing climate issues caused by human activities. This harms our environment, putting essentials like food, clean water, and healthy ecosystems at risk. It's crucial for young people, the future generation, to decide whether to continue harming the planet or choose a sustainable way of life.

It's time to envision a different way of life that promotes environmental sustainability and benefits us all, such as the 1.5 Degrees Celsius Lifestyle. This is where the school's environmental club can help by teaching others about what a sustainable 'lifestyle' is and why is the 1.5-degree target important. We recognise that significant changes are needed to tackle climate change, including changes in government policies, how we build things, our economic systems, and how society functions. To help make these changes, Policy Forum Guyana has created the '1.5 Crew Training Kit' for distribution to schools across Guyana.

Project Description

Throughout November to 7th of December 2023, Policy Forum Guyana embarked on a series of visits to numerous schools across various regions, including region 1, region 2, region 3, region 4, region 5 and region 10. During these visits, Policy Forum Guyana distributed the 1.5 Crew Training Kit or the 1.5 Crew Guide complemented by a life-size board-game and dice. This initiative has allowed Policy Forum Guyana to enlighten approximately three hundred and eight (308) students.

Among the schools contacted in region 1 was Santa Rosa Secondary, while Policy Forum Guyana visited Tapakuma Lake Primary School in region 2. West Demerara Secondary was part of the outreach in region 3. Moving to Region 4, the engagement extended to St Joseph High School, St Roses High School, Marian Academy, Eccles Primary School, Smith Memorial Primary, Graham's Hall Primary, Plaisance Secondary, New Central High, and President's College. In Region 5 it was Seafield Primary School and in region 10 it was Mackenzie High School and Amelia's Ward Primary. Policy Forum Guyana also eagerly anticipates further engagements with schools throughout this program.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the representative from Santa Rosa Secondary was unable to provide photographic evidence confirming the receipt of the 1.5 Crew training kit. Therefore it can not be confirmed that Santa Rosa Secondary benefited from the 1.5 Crew training kit.

This toolkit comprises many imperative items, notably the manual titled "1.5 Crew: A Guide to Creating an Environmental Club" As implied by the name, this manual serves as a comprehensive guide for students, prompting environmental clubs to register with the Environmental Protection Agency in Guyana and fostering collaboration with other environmental clubs or organisations.

Included in the kit are practical items such as an upcycling pencil case, two engaging environmental board-games for students to enjoy, which are "Eco-Snake and Ladder" and Earth Helper. These games contain instructions that relate to the environment and illustrate how human activities impact it.

Additionally, there's a "Living in Harmony with Nature and Society Toolkit." It encompasses a Living in Harmony with Nature and Society booklet, River Guardians Freshwater Brochure, and a flash drive containing environmentally related videos, games and PowerPoint presentations. This kit also incorporates storybooks such as "Kyle learns About Freshwater" and "Water Is Everywhere, Water Is Everything". Additionally, it includes informative posters on upcycling and mercury.

Objectives

Policy Forum Guyana has launched a new initiative to create and distribute a "1.5 Crew Training Kit" to schools across Guyana. The main goal is to encourage schools to form environmental clubs or guide existing ones to make a positive impact in their communities, essentially becoming the "1.5 Crew." Through this initiative Policy Forum Guyana hopes to achieve:

- **Raise Awareness:** Educating Students about environmental issues, fostering a sense of responsibility and care for the environment.
- **Behavioural Change:** Aiming to influence the behaviour of students and, indirectly, their families by instilling eco-friendly habits and practices.
- **Community Engagements:** Fostering a sense of community by involving students in local environmental initiatives, encouraging them to participate in environmental projects that benefit their community.
- **Stewardship:** Developing a sense of environmental stewardship among students, empowering them to become responsible individuals of the planet.
- **Long-Term Impact:** Striving to create a lasting impact by equipping students with the knowledge and tools to contribute to environmental sustainability throughout their lives.

Publicity


Policy Forum Guyana first launched the 1.5 Crew Training kit via social media on the 7th of November, 2023. The use of social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, would help raise awareness about the 1.5 Crew Training Kit. With the use of social media, schools indeed reached out to gain the training kit.

With the use of Facebook, Policy Forum Guyana was able to reach thirty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-two (31,362) individuals. Achieve eight thousand four hundred and thirty-seven (8,437) engagements, and three hundred and forty-two (342) interactions.

The post below was able to reach three hundred and twenty six (326) individuals, achieve one hundred and twenty six (126) engagements, and attain twelve (12) interactions.

This guide encourages clubs to register with [EPA - Guyana](#) as well as presents them with a list of potential collaborators.

Although this guide is a stand alone document PFG has decided to complement this guide with a toolkit. This kit includes videos, PowerPoint presentations, two of Policy Forum Guyana's boardgames and so much more. All of which will equip students with the neces... See more



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Policy Forum Guyana had the delightful opportunity to enlighten eighteen students from [St Joseph's High School](#) about the concept of *Throw Away Culture* and the significance of embracing a sustainable lifestyle.

Additionally, Policy Forum Guyana provided the students with a comprehensive 1.5 Crew Training kit, complete with a manual, games, videos, and other resources, to aid them in establishing a 1.5 crew within their respective schools.

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The post shown above achieved two hundred and eighty (280) interactions, eight thousand and fifteen (8,015) engagements and reached twenty-nine thousand, one hundred and eighty-five (29,185) individuals.



The post shown above achieved twenty (20) interaction, one hundred and twenty-two (122) engagements and reached six hundred and forty-three (643) individuals

Appendix

Figure 1: Santa Rosa Secondary School



NB: Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the representative from Santa Rosa Secondary was unable to provide photographic evidence confirming the receipt of the 1.5 Crew training kit.

Figure 2: Tapakuma Lake Primary School



Figure 3: West Demerara Secondary School



Figure 4: St Joseph High School



Figure 5: St Roses High School



Figure 6: Smith Memorial Primary School



Figure 7: New Central High School



Figure 8: Graham's Hall Primary



Figure 9: Marian Academy



Figure 10: Seafield Primary School



Figure 11: President's College



Figure 12: Plaisance Secondary School



Figure 13: Eccles Primary School



Figure 14: Amelia's Ward Primary School



Figure 15: Mackenzie High School

