



Olivia - Vision guides new environmental group

What was your goal?

I wanted to make an environmental group so that we could talk and discuss projects and things we could do to improve sustainability in our school and community. First of all I asked for help because you can't do things alone, and second me and my sister painted some posters that we used to advertise the group. We set up with the teachers that we would use the school hall on the Friday for the first meeting. We told the classes about it and we weren't expecting many people but we got a huge turnout.

We haven't achieved any projects yet, we've only had two meetings because it's been a busy year, but we managed to set up a vision:

'To be an environmentally responsible school that works together to achieve our goals in sustainability for the benefit of the local community.'

To promote the group, I make posters and talk to classes about it to keep them reminded that it's going.

Your biggest success so far?

My biggest results so far would be getting the group going. I'm very proud of myself that I managed to get a group off the ground and maybe in the future we can do some bigger things. For now we've just got our foundations and we're just getting started.

What have you enjoyed most?

Even though people have done bigger things, I feel like I'm doing something big and I'm contributing in a small way.

Your advice to other students?

Don't do it alone, always ask for help. Just push on, just do your best and hope that it works. Don't be put off by people not supporting you because you can do it!

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Olivia's words and opinions.