



Safia - Adapting to climate change

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted our students to have a way to adapt to climate change, but I wanted it to be cheap but effective. I had to research different types of plants I could plant at our school that could help our environment and help our students.

I worked with a group of people at our school that's also called the YEC, and my teachers. Our whole grade had this climate change inquiry where we all had to figure out how to adapt to climate change and I guess in a way everyone kind of helped me. I have shared it with some teachers and of course the principal, and she has approved it, so we are going to be planting trees in the next few weeks.

Challenges?

I found it hard to try and persuade our principal to let us plant trees at our school because it's kind of intimidating because she's the principal, and if she wasn't persuaded then I'd have to start all over again, so there was that paranoia that she wasn't going to get persuaded.

Next steps?

We do have to plant the trees, and of course the trees do take a long time to grow and I am graduating from school this year so I'm going to help as much as I can this term but next year it's all up to the teachers.

What did you enjoy most?

Working with new people because I'm so used to my usual group of friends helping me; and others helping me as well and teachers helping me.

Your advice to other students?

I would tell them to be as creative as you want, because really the more creative you are the better ideas come to you, and mine may not seem that creative but it took a long time.

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