



# Our Sustainable Story

a collaborative work



## Beyza/ Nehir from Babaeski Atatürk Anatolian High School

One spring morning, there was a rush in the house and I was late for school again. I picked up the bag, which I did not know what was in it, and put it on my back. I had already put on my shoes when I hurriedly called my mother. I was running and praying that school would be a little better today. When I walked through the classroom door, my desk was being decorated with disgusting inscriptions by my excellent friends. I sat down calmly in my seat with a disdainful look behind me. I overheard the conversation of the girls next to me. In their speeches, they were discussing about the project "Green Club", which the new guidance teacher will introduce to us. It was nine o'clock. It was five minutes before the lesson started. By the time your new guidance counselor arrived in the classroom, my eyelids closed. After a sleepless night, I fell asleep sweetly to reward myself. When I woke up, I realized that I had slept more than five minutes, I saw that the new guidance teacher had finished meeting the others and was telling about the project called Green Club. I was lucky, almost the first time. The teacher had just begun the presentation

When I first entered the classroom, I surveyed the class and then sat down in my chair. I deepened my voice and clasped my hands together. Confidently, I told the class my name was "Diego". After the students had a short talk about where I came from, which university I studied at, etc., I started to explain the project called "Green Club", which is the main topic of our lesson. Every time I turned around, my eyes were on the white-haired girl I thought was albino. When the lesson started, I thought the sleeping girl was a careless person at first. Later she had taken a more attentive and caring attitude than everyone else in the class, I was pretty sure that she would join the project. As the bell rang for the break, everybody rushed out the door screaming. I would hear from the remaining students in the class that I became so happy when the albino-haired girl came to me softly after almost everyone had left and asked me in a low tone, "Hi teacher! my name is Karen. Can I participate in the project, ?



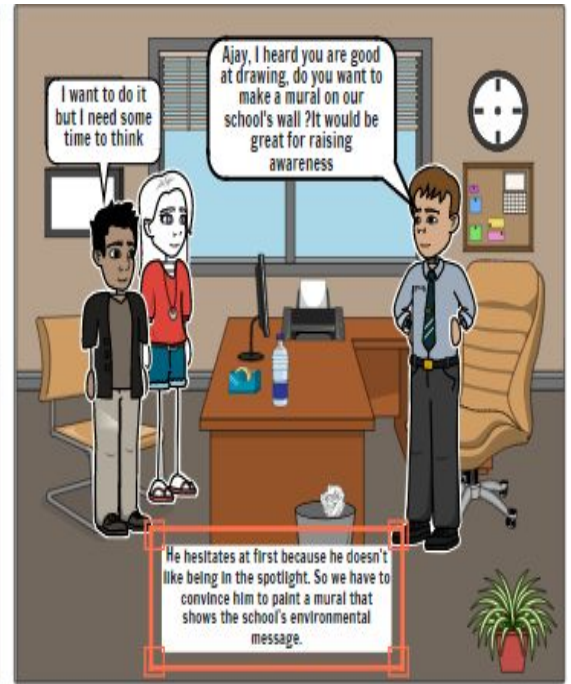
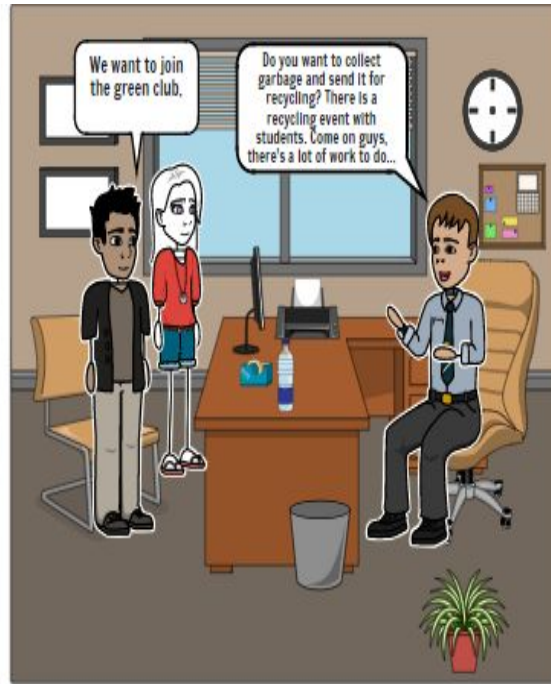
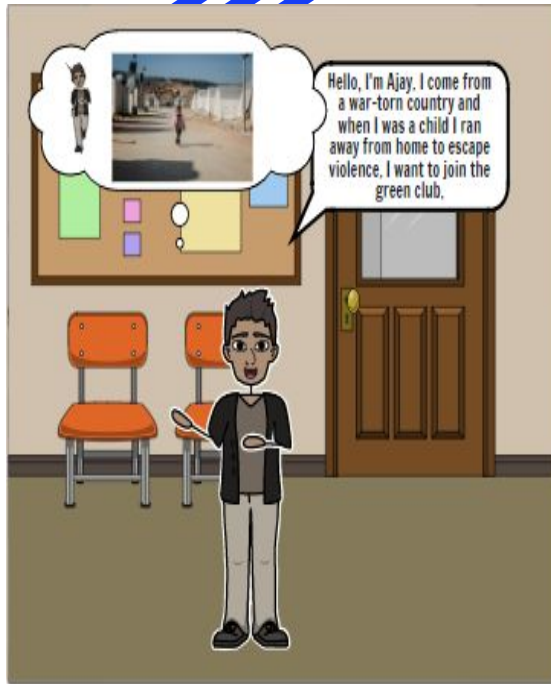
Delfin created a storyboard for beginning part

## Gül Rana/Selahaddin Eyyübi Anatolian High School

Diego is the new councillor teacher at my school. He is young, energetic, and full of ideas. He wants to set up a green club for creating a sustainable school with his students. He is also interested in becoming an environmental teacher. I as an albino girl do not like to go to school because my friends make fun of my appearance. I want to join a green club so that I can be accepted by my class. I want to create an inclusive school. By the way There is a new boy called Ajay. Ajay is a refugee from a war-torn country. He had fled his home when he was a child to escape the violence. Ajay is eager to join green club, too. Ajay and I went to our teacher's office to talk about new club.

Diego, the New Councillor Teacher, was sitting in his office with a sense of purpose. He had a lot of work to do and not much time to do it. When he saw us, he asked me that I would like to collect rubbish from the school and send it to be recycled. He also told me to organize a recycling day with the other students.

Just as he was leaving his office, He turned to Ajay and said 'I heard you were good at drawing and 'Would you like to to draw a mural on our school wall?' Ajay said 'I am surprised that you now this. I want to do but I need some time to think' Ajay is a shy boy, who is good at drawing but does not like going to school. He would often stay back after class to draw. He is hesitant at first because he do not like being in the spotlight. So we need to convince him to create a mural that illustrates the school's environmental message. We need to be with him.

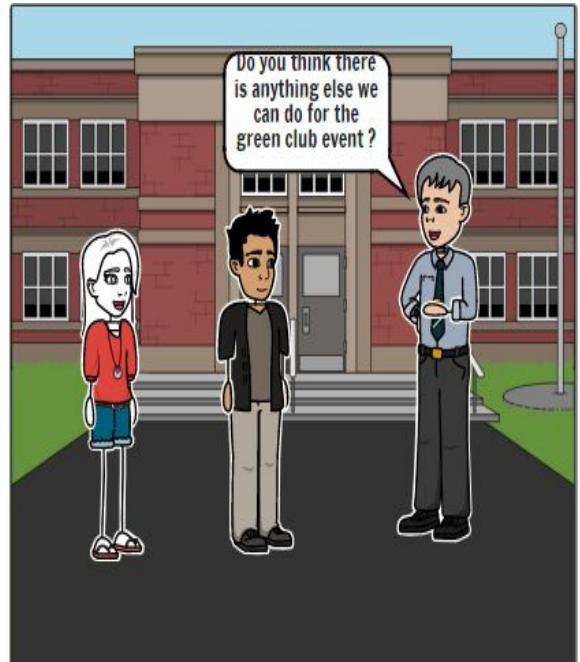
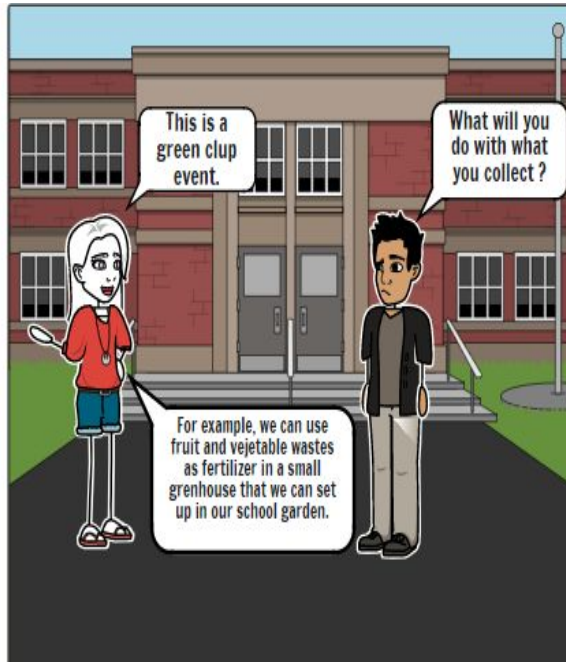
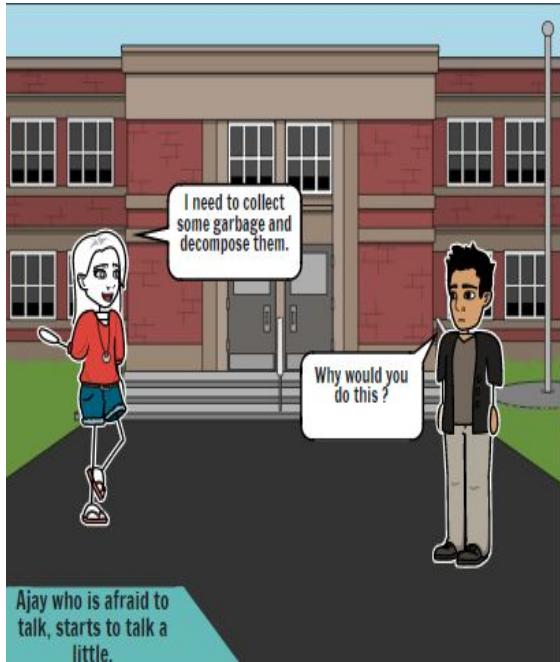


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## Gamze/Betül/Dr.Sadettin Hacı Evliyagil Anatolian High School

It fell to me to persuade Ajay to paint a sustainable and inclusive school picture on the school wall. I wanted to talk to him a little first, but he was afraid to talk to me as he was afraid of our other friends, I think it was effective in my appearance. I said that I needed to collect some garbage and separate the garbage I collected. Ajay asked why I would do this, I think we were starting to communicate a little bit. I said it was a 'green club' activity. He asked what I could do with the garbage I collected. For example, I said that I thought that fruit and vegetable garbage could be used as compost and that we could use it as fertilizer in a small greenhouse we will build in our school garden. Meanwhile, Diego, our new guidance teacher, joined us. He asked us if there was anything we could do more for the green club event.





Delfin from Babaeski Atatürk Anatolian High School created a storyboard

## Julia/Candela /Samaniego/Conchi Espejo

Ajay didn't know what to say at first, since he's really shy. However, on the other hand, I said that we could go to the mall and ask if we could hang some posters on the walls encouraging people to separate their rubbish and trying to throw it in the correct dumpster. Diego (who is my favorite new teacher, by the way), agreed it was a great idea so Ajay and I headed to the mall.

We spent like half an hour trying to convince the security guard to let us hang the posters and, thankfully, he finally allowed us to. But that was when everything went wrong. We were hanging the posters peacefully when some of our classmates came near us and started making fun of the posters and the Green Club activity. At first we ignored completely but suddenly, one kid named Josh pushed Ajay. I immediately jumped between Ajay and Josh and told the second one to take a step back but everyone started laughing and that only made him even more "brave" (if you can call that being brave).





# Dilara / Nuh Çimento High School

It was wrong of him to do such a thing. However, he could help us. A beautiful future is gone after Josh made fun of him while he was working on recycling. However, he did not know how good recycling could produce.

Ajay ve Karen :

-"If only they knew."

A project on sustainable future started at Ajay and Karen's school. The teachers were chosen by two or three people from their classes. He said that after this project, they will realize that what they have done can be transformed into a good future, a good tomorrow and that they have taken an important responsibility. Together they hung informative texts on the walls. They made good instructional videos. Instead of throwing away plastic bottles, they collected them and planted flowers and plants in them. They colored the pots. They planted the plants. They both had fun and learned about recycling. This was an important lesson for them.

The school counselor asked Ajay to raise awareness for a sustainable future on the school wall. Ajay was going to make a mural for it. Karen would also help him with the recycling.



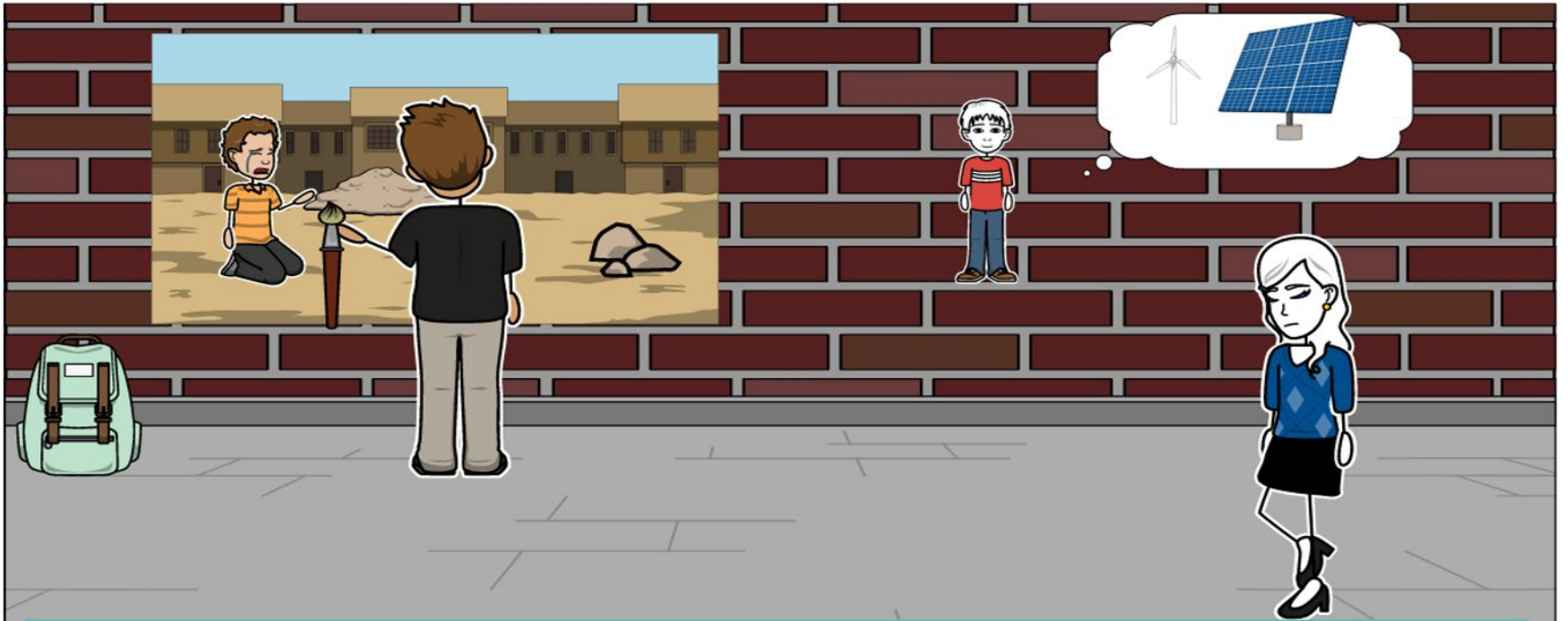
If only they knew how good recycling is for nature.

Recycling Day  
Let's get together for our sustainable future!

## İlayda / Yaşar Acar Science High School

Ajay started thinking about an interesting idea for the mural. He thought about his country which was environmentally polluted by other powerful countries during the war. This gave him the idea and he began drawing a sketch of the mural. He drew a boy who was crying while holding a handful of dry soil. Ajay drew a tear drop shaped like the Earth. Then he made the boy like he was dreaming about a good future with renewable energy sources instead of petrol, clean water, soil and air, people who recycle their waste and don't pollute nature.

The following day Ajay showed his sketch to Diego and he liked it very much. After that he showed that to Karen. She found it really good too but she wanted one thing. She asked Ajay to draw the boy with white hair. Ajay accepted this because he had known that Karen was unhappy with other people's thoughts about her physical appearance. Karen and Ajay started to prepare the mural together. After they finished they decided to organise an event about recycling. They thought that it would be good to visit a recycling factory. After they shared their plan with Diego they went to a factory together to ask their permission for a short visit of volunteer students.



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## **Faustina R/ Paula R from Samaniego /Roman Gonzalez**

When they entered the factory they realized how much waste our society produces.

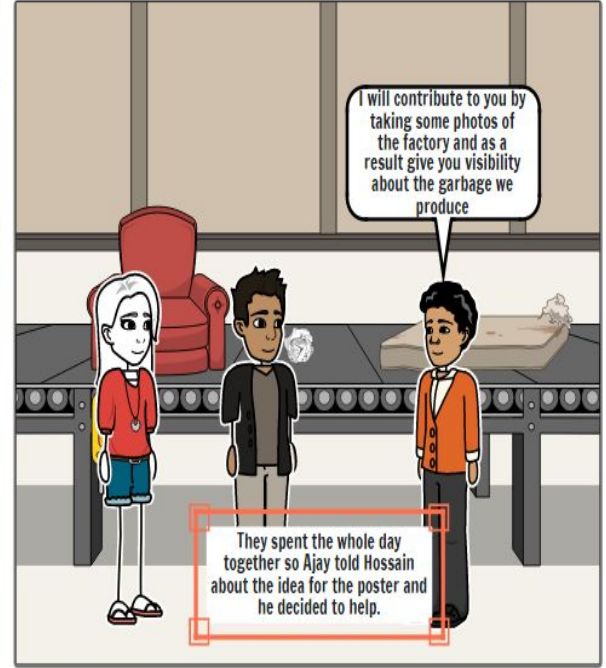
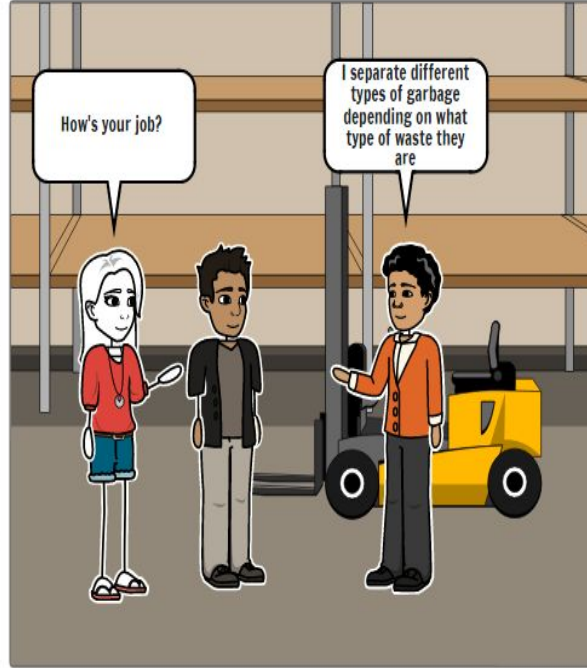
After we had taken a tour around the factory, Ajay saw a good old friend from his childhood, his name was Hossain.

Hossain used to be a refugee as well as Ajay, but he decided to start working at the garbages' factory, as he dreamed about a sustainable future. On the other hand, Karen was really amazed with the amount of waste, so she decided to ask Hossain how his work was. Then, Hossain explained that first they had to separate the different types of rubbish, depending on the kind of waste they were.

They spent the whole day together, thus, Ajay told Hossain about the poster's idea, so he decided to help.

He said that he would contribute by taking some pictures of the factory, and as a consequence, giving visibility about all the garbage we produce.





Erhan from Babaeski Atatürk Anatolian High School created a storyboard



## Keti /Lepl Tsalenjikha N2 Public School

Then they took photos of the factory. With the help of Hossain, Ajay and Karen created an excellent poster for the Green Club, raising awareness about a sustainable future.

They happily left the factory and decided to go to school and show the photos taken to others. In the photos everything looked good, how they processed the garbage and how they created the new product. Ajay used all the photos in the poster. His main goal was to tell everyone in this poster that it is necessary to take care of the environment in which we live. It is our responsibility to take care of the earth. It is noteworthy that he used such a slogan next to the photos of the factory in the poster: “Do not throw garbage on the floor, throw it in the trash!!”



**It is our responsibility to take care of the earth**

## Nurgül and Zeynep from Bursa Hürriyet Anatolian High School

Ajay hanged his posters on school boards. Posters got a lot of attention and appreciation from students at school. Most students in school wanted to join green club and many students wanted to learn about recycling and do something for green club.

Now the whole school is eager to participate recycling trip and the trip is starting to be reorganized. A girl named Jenny was impressed by the recycling project and said the school counselor that it was very good and the posters were beautiful. Jenny advised her teacher to hang the posters up in crowded places to get all people attention, not just at school. Now the green club was not for just Ajay and Katie but many people, but they wanted Jenny to join them most.

The teacher introduced Jenny to Karen and Ajay who were in charge of the project. She asked them to prepare posters about sustainable energy together and pasted the posters in places where people could see them. After school they went to Katie's to make posters together. Ajay visualised the poster, Karen found slogan, Jenny wrote on the posters. Then they photocopy it together. They stucked them on bus stops, on the walls of houses, on top of trash cans. Recycle waste, give life to life. The Slogan Recycling is not last, it has already managed to attract people's attention. Jenny says : "An old woman has already come near us, friends. She said ' it's an honour to take part in such a group work and I'm saving batteries. I also inform my neighbors about this campaign and we take them to the school. The principal gives us a document. And I am very proud to give inspire people. We are very happy to reach most people. I hope we will attract more people's attention.'



**It is honour to take part in such a group work!**

## Anastasia/LTD School N1

More and more people were coming. They enjoyed the idea of saving the planet, recycling. Everyone wanted to join this club. By putting up the posters, they attracted so many people. Whole city was shining. They were involved and this work gave them the pleasure and motivation. Everything started with a group of two young people and finally ended up with the organization, which existed all over the world. It is necessary to work with others in an organized way in order to achieve great things!



Our Sustainable Future

Recycling Day

Do not throw garbage on the floor, throw it in the trash

Less Plastic more Life

Do not trash our future

Zero Waste

## Rene Nikter/Srednja Strukovna Skola Blaz Jurjev

As the Green Club got more recognition around town, Josh (Ajay's bully) got interested in it too, since more and more of his friends started doing good things for the environment. In a few days, he reluctantly joined the club, but got pleasantly surprised by how much it was changing the school's environment.

Later that day, Josh went out with his friends from another school, and kept telling them about the Green Club, up until they asked their school principal if there is a chance their school can have such a project too.

That principal got in contact with Ajay and Karen, interested in that club of theirs'.

They talked for a bit, trying to convince the principal to start such a project as it can benefit nature. His answer was yes.

They successfully got another school to start a Green Club, and were extremely satisfied with what they've accomplished.





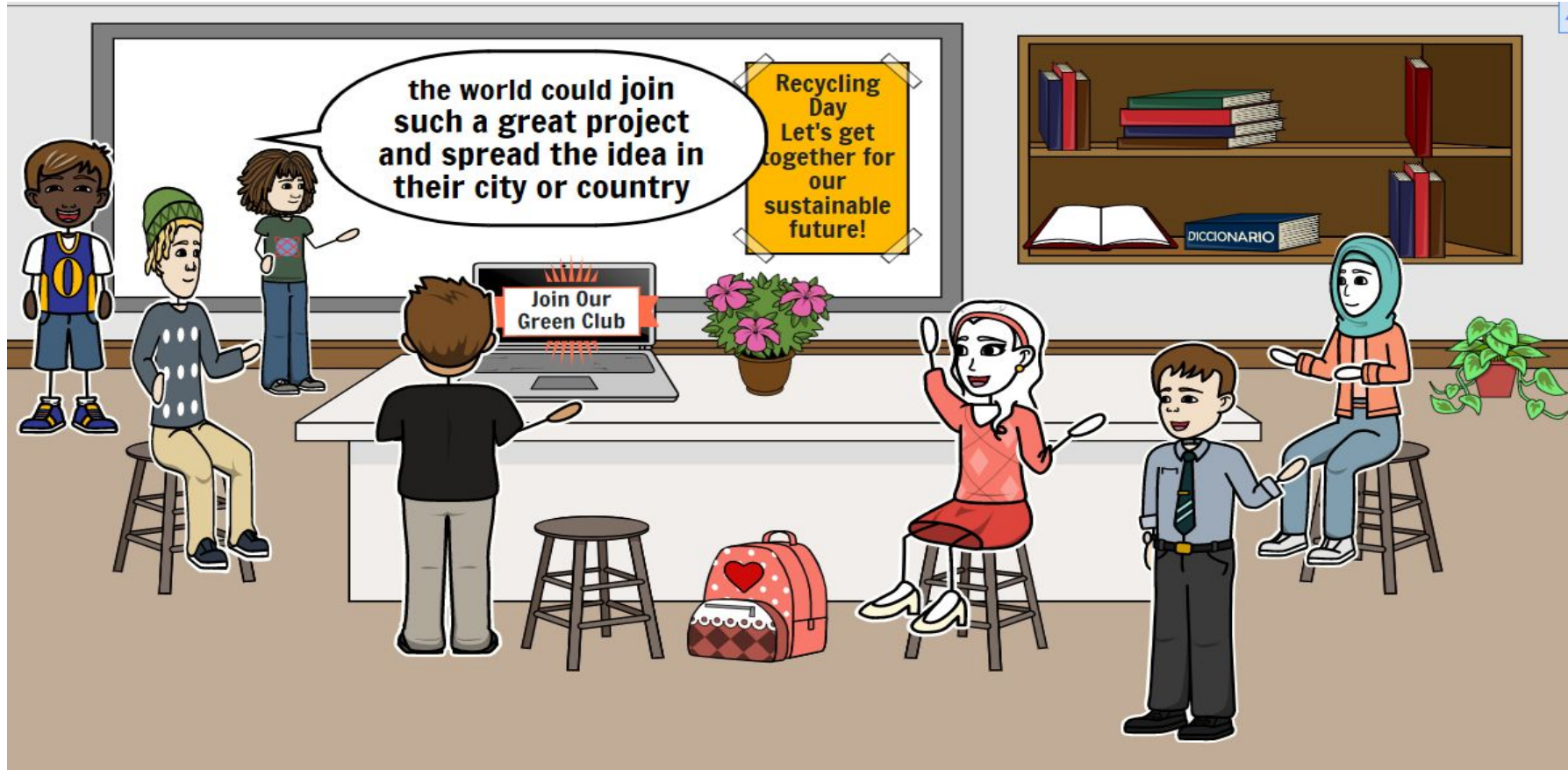
Hey Josh ,What about joining Green Club ?It looks enjoyable.We should take action for our future with my friends!

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## Paulo /Srednja Skola Biograd

As the new school started project Green Club they decided to put the story online so the schools from all over the world could join such a great project and spread the idea in their city or country. The story got huge attention it went even in the news. They woke up people after thousands of failed attempt. Now it is global change and world finally started to bloom.



## Laura and Ana M/SSŠ Bana Josipa Jelačića

Karen went to teacher Diego' office excitedly and said 'Ajay and I will keep the project going and invite other schools to join in. We hope that you will be able to find the time to continue with the project and involve as many students as possible. We will continue to post updates and provide support to students all around the world who want to learn more about environmental issues and how they can be involved in creating a sustainable school'

Diego said 'Ajay and you did a really great job.' Karen remembered the first time she met their teacher Diego at school. 'Before I met our teacher, I thought that everyone was judging me because of my appearance. And I was very unhappy. I was not accepted among my friends. This project work made me look at life from many different angles. Not only for me, but for all my classmates also for Ajay, Josh and others'

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We made it.  
We took action together for a sustainable world and we understood that love will heal the world.

Join Our Green Club



## Sevilay/Şehit Ersan Anatolian High School

I realized that my friends, whom I thought were judging me because of my appearance, no longer felt that way about me. My dream school and I physically can present differences from my real school. We learned with the Green Club in our school that there is no difference or obstacle in front of perseverance, work and effort.

It reached many people with Ajay's drawing and Diego's recycling project. In this way, recycling turned into upcycling. We took action together for a sustainable world and we understood that love can heal the world.

With the Green Club, Diego was now looking to the future with the happiness of opening the doors of hope to a sustainable school and the world by instilling a sense of confidence in these kind-hearted young people.

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