

Make Difference

Increasing global temperature, extreme and rapid changes in environment climate, fragile ozone layer, and pollution; these are just some of the major issues that need to give serious attention in order to address and create a solution that can be done by every individual around the world. One of the biggest threats in our environment today is pollution, specifically plastic pollution. As stated by Ritchie et al. (2023), for over 7 decades, the production of plastics around the world increased with 450 million loads. People should wake up and be aware that these plastics are the main causes why the environmental climate keeps on changing. This is the right time for people to make differences, use eco-friendly products, practice the reduce, reuse, and recycle and always say no to different usage of plastics on a product.

As of today, many stores and products are being responsible to the environment, they prioritize sustainability. Entrepreneurs are making a way for people to be aware of different environmental issues by implementing eco-friendly products. This means that the solution for making a better environment is right in front of the people. It should be mandatory to bring and buy eco-friendly products in every household because through this, people are being more responsible and respectful to nature. By easily bringing these products to your favorite coffee shop, grocery store or even using it in your house, it makes a difference.

Ever since elementary the 3r concept or the reduce, reuse, recycle are being learned and practiced. However, as time went by people chose a convenient way to dispose of their waste and 80% of it went to the ocean (UNESCO, 2022). This occurrence might be a reason for extinction and scarcity in the near future because oceans provide many needs for humans such as labor, food, tourism and peacefulness. If the waste like plastics will all go into the sea, what will be the future of the next generations? By practicing the concept of 3r, the aforementioned impacts will likely decrease the possibility of it to happen. As a human, making an effort to protect our nature is indeed making a difference, by this simple concept we make big changes not only to the community but also on earth.

Activists play a big role in standing against plastics production. The group called WWF or World Wildlife advocates that we can live a life without plastics and a future without it. Visualizing future life should include the state of the environment because how can you live in that time if the main source of basic needs are already gone. The issue about plastics production and consumption must be fought not only by the activists, it should be also fought by a simple citizen. Through advocating alternative eco-friendly usage rather than plastics, it makes differences.

We can never deny that plastics are somehow more convenient to the people due to its cost and versatility. However, too much consumption and improper waste management of different types of plastics can lead to environmental destruction. There are a lot of ways we can lessen the use of plastics. It can be through changing your materials into more environmentally friendly products, being responsible citizens by doing the reduce, reuse and recycle or even to not use

plastics at all. In the long run, if you do any of these techniques then, you become a person who tries to make changes and differences to protect our mother earth.

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