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Project Details

School Name: Muhsin Ertugrul Vocational Training Centre
Project Name: Paper Birdhouses

Purpose

In this project, we aimed to make a difference in terms of waste by preparing upcycling birdhouses using waste papers in our schools and improving neighbourly relations with birds.

Target Audience

The target audience of our project consists of apprentice students in our school, teachers in our school, school staff, birds in our neighbourhood, and all the beings around us affected by paper waste.

65 apprentice students and **2** teachers worked for the project;



- **5** kilos of paper waste were reused by upcycling,
- **2.5** kilos of chemicals usage were prevented,
- **1,620** litres of water were saved,
- **3** paper birdhouses were prepared.

In our project, we chose to focus on the scrap paper wastes used in our school and took action to carry out upcycling from these wastes.



In our school, we have carried out information activities on waste paper and upcycling practices. We discussed possible options with our fellow students, brainstormed, and decided to make paper birdhouses together.



With the cooperation of our administrators and school staff, we ensured that the manuscript/waste papers accumulated at the school every evening were collected.



We developed bird house designs with jewellery technology students and teachers. By organizing get-togethers with the teachers and students in the field of beauty and hair care services, we encouraged them to design a bird house as well.



We presented the paper birdhouses we prepared to our stakeholders at the school and received their opinions and suggestions. We implemented their development suggestions on these houses. We placed the birdhouses in different parts of our school, we have developed our production muscles for birds, one of our neighbour species, by utilizing wastes.



What do beneficiaries and practitioners think about the project?



It has been a recycling project that we can do in our homes, because we use paper everywhere in our daily lives.

It would be very nice if this activity continued all the time, if we could do other activities from paper in this way and even if there was such a course in our school.

We both had fun and learned during the project process. We really loved making upcycle designs.



The more resources are spent from the production of a paper to the process of becoming waste, the more we should value the trees, which are the breath of our planet.

Recommendations for implementing and improving the project

- Conducting activities to question the paper sector and its wastes
- Adding waste and upcycling subjects to the apprenticeship training course contents

- Collaboration of all apprenticeship training components around the issue of waste
- Performing "reduction" works in order to avoid waste

- Constant review of consumption preferences
- Examination of circular economy practices in the paper sector

