



EcoLearning  
Together

# Annual Report

Build Your Ecosystem  
of Educational  
Change.



UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON  
**ECOSYSTEM  
RESTORATION**  
2021-2030



**FOR THE  
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2024

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# About Us

We are a youth-led organisation dedicated to tackling climate change through hands-on ecological restoration and climate education. We work with schools, students, and youth across the world to implement our mission in communities, and especially work to engage those who are often left out of environmental activism.



## 2024 At a Glance

2,000+

students worked with, with over 800 in our Cross River chapter.

13064 trees

planted in 2024, including ~10k seeds with the new Greenmade chapter.

5+

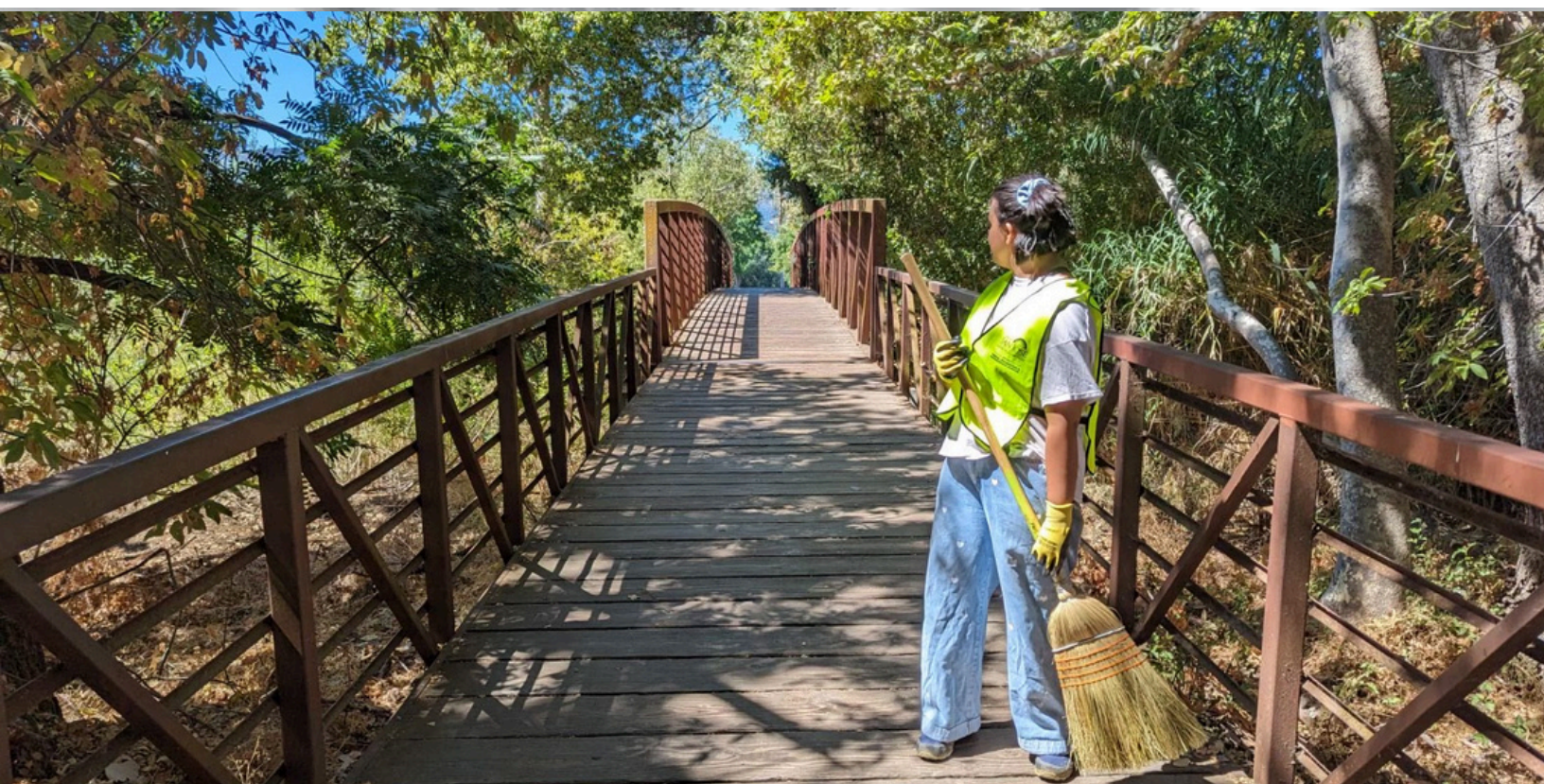
Countries with Active Projects for restoration

24150 trees

Growing for EcoLearners in total, worldwide

2 Grant

Projects Ecolearners carried out in 2024



# Expansion of the EcoLearning Mission.

## INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE FOR RESTORATION - GREENMADE

In 2024, EcoLearners unveiled a new chapter, the EcoLearners Greenmade chapter. The EcoLearners Kenya Greenmade chapter is a collaboration between the Kenya Maasai Mara by Kipini, and EcoLearning Together. Our goal together is to bridge the gap between current ecological knowledge and traditional indigenous restoration, and bring hands-on environmentalism to schools throughout with that curriculum.

## YOUTH ACTIVISM - PORTLAND

EcoLearners also started a Portland chapter! We have gotten materials and equipment to make it a success and see the growth for years to come! We will be having both chapter options for high school and middle school students, and young adults!

## Spotlight: Chapters and the Future.

The EcoLearners Chapter Program allows for global communities of youth to engage with environmental restoration and education. With every new chapter we establish, the more students we reach.

### Our 2025 Goals:

1

#### Create our India chapter!

EcoLearners is working on a platform for an India chapter that will especially be connected with environmental restoration, education, and policy.

2

#### Carbon Credits!

With our Bungoma, Kenya chapter, we hope to start carbon credits to protect our restoration for decades.

3

#### Expand Kirkland Chapter

We hope to expand our Kirkland chapter to work with schools, and maybe even universities such as the UW!



# Cross River, Nigeria

EcoLearners CRN planted over **200 trees** while directly engaging over **1,400 students** and communities in climate education, SDGs, and sustainable practices through debates, workshops, and cultural events. Highlights include a month-long "EcoLearning Cross River State" celebration and school visits **empowering youth (with a focus on girls' schools) through STEM and environmental restoration**. These initiatives united communities and inspired climate action. With this chapter, we hope to reach another 1,000 new students, especially in rural areas for 2025!



# Bungoma, Kenya

We engaged students in education and tree planting, including planting over 600 trees and continuing to monitor and care for previously planted trees. Restoration efforts involved 71 children assisting with **559 Maesopsis trees** in a new plot and an additional 80 trees in May. Preparations for a future carbon credits project, including setting up plots, are underway.

## Spreading Indigenous Knowledge for Ecological Restoration – EcoLearners Greenmade

EcoLearners Greenmade, in collaboration with the Maasai Mara of Kenya, has engaged students in planting over **11,500 trees**, including **mangroves**, fruit, and shade species, while building sustainable school gardens. Key initiatives include hosting environmental education events, debates, and art exhibitions to promote sustainability and indigenous restoration. Students from multiple schools participated in hands-on activities like tree planting, learning **sustainable garden** practices, and exploring eco-friendly initiatives.



# Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, US

EcoLearners Louisiana has worked on their 'EcoSchool', involving kids in environmentalism in the Calcasieu Parish. The EcoLearners team taught about the native wildlife, the importance of bees, and ecosystem interactions. Our Louisiana chapter also led a **protest all the way in Texas!** People showed up to stage a peaceful protest on the proposed highly explosive DeLa Pipeline in Texas which is within 900 feet from the newest primary school in Texas, leaving it in the explosion zone. Our team also went to Gator Country to preach about wildlife there!



# Portland, OR, US

EcoLearners is planning restoration sites, recruiting volunteers, and preparing for future planting, having already purchased equipment and planted initial trees. **Litter cleanup efforts** included two events, with small teams working for a total of nearly three hours. The team is also coordinating **trail restoration** and has launched a new branch for youth leaders to support these initiatives.

# San Jose, US

In 2024, EcoLearners focused on urban activism with park cleanups, an educational project for students, and participation in the 17th Annual Harvest Festival. These efforts emphasized community engagement and environmental stewardship.



# EcoLearners Kirkland

EcoLearners Kirkland planned impactful events in 2024, including an ivy cleanup at O.O. Denny Park with 10 participants. This was in conjunction with the Green Kirkland Partnership of Kirkland Parks and Rec. Looking ahead, they aim to expand efforts in 2025 by collaborating with more schools and working in Seattle.



## Fort Worth, Texas

The EcoLearners Fort Worth Team focused on environmental efforts to protect nature and conserve our wildlife. This included picking up over 26kg of trash, forest restoration, butterfly conservation awareness through social media and events, and planting native sugar hackberry trees.

## NYC and Online!

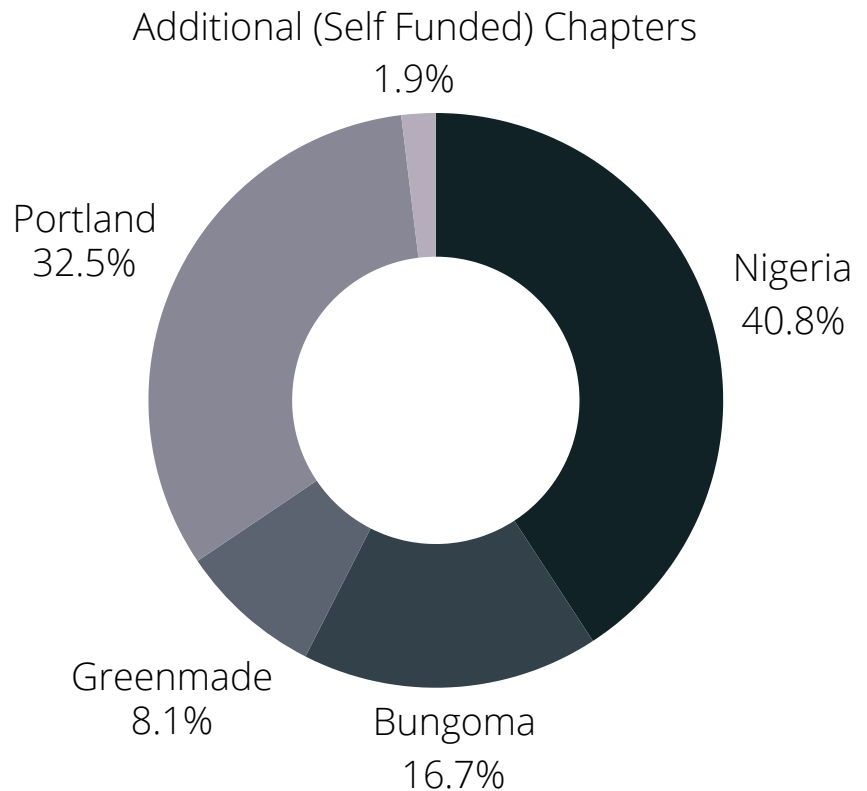
The EcoLearners New York Team has unveiled a new blog to empower the next generation of activists! Ruby, the founder hopes to take EcoLearners New York to new areas of the state. In 2024, ELNY put up their blog, and helped host multiple online events, including a Kahoot night and movie night for the whole EcoLearning community. Additional online events included points rushes where participants can gain points and prizes for being ecofriendly!

# A Year in Review - Financials

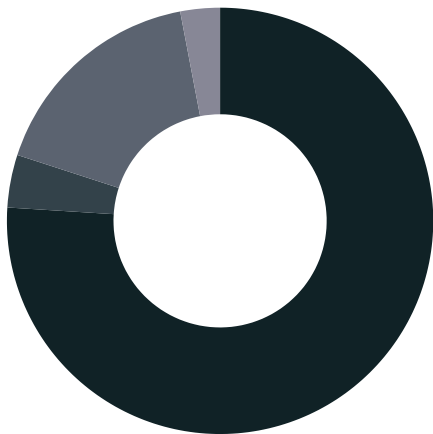
## Financial Breakdown by Location for Litter removal, planting, and student engagement

The diagram to the right shows the breakdown for our activities concerning litter cleanups, tree planting/monitoring, and direct student engagement, such as working with schools or hosting events students attended.

For our Portland chapter, we were able to purchase materials to use for years due to a grant! Our additional chapters included Louisiana, San Jose, and Texas.



- Direct Chapter Projects
- Admin
- Global Events and Prizes
- Advertisement



## Org-Wide Funding Distribution

It is important to know where the funding goes! This is why we have this breakdown so you can see that the majority of our funds goes towards our projects. EcoLearners is a volunteer based organization as well!



# A Global Review: Partners and Grants

We are happy to be partnered with the UN Decade of Restoration and tons of other global efforts! Uniting forces is the only way we can fight the climate crisis.

This amazing year was only possible due to grants from the Karma for Cara Foundation and the Portland City Mini Grants Fund! We appreciate them for their time and dedication for helping us be able to make an impact worldwide.



# Support EcoLearners!

**In late 2024, EcoLearners released our donation packages, where you can adopt a tree!**

Adopting a tree allows it to be consistently monitored and protected for years. You can get personalized tags for the tree, updates, tracking coordinates, and even get to name it!

Some packages also include merch, stuffed animals, and exclusive invites to EcoLearners events. Check it out [here](#), or on our website!

**And once again, thank YOU for your kind support! We are excited for what 2025 brings us!**



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