



## Students Leadership Workshop: Touching Environmental problems and solutions

Under Flagship Program of SAFE: Teen Require Environmental Education (TREE)

**Event: An Environmental Leadership Workshop with focus on Peri-Urban Wetlands**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 10AM-4PM

**Exposure sites:** 1. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene for Urban Slums (WASH-US) site  
2. Resolve: Trash 2 Cash Recycling units  
3. East Kolkata Wetlands, Ramsar site

**Participants:** Students of The Future Foundation School

The TREE program undertaken by South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE) aims at creating an innovative platform for school and college students to come out of their everyday academic routines in school and bookish knowledge on environment and ecology into the actual field activities, bringing them closer to nature and ecosystems. This is a flagship program of SAFE, titled, TREE, Teen Require Environmental Education, that creates opportunities for hands-on experience and exposure to environmental problems and solutions. This has effectively initiated learning by doing in a more recreational way.



As part of our TREE program, an enriching workshop was organized for high school students of The Future Foundation School with special focus on the ecosystem services of Peri-Urban wetlands of Kolkata and importance of waste recycling. One major intention of this event was to generate environmental awareness among the students who are also the future stewards of environment conservation.



This workshop included a visit to SAFE's Resolve Trash2Cash waste recycling units, an integrated solid waste management program of SAFE. Students witnessed the value of waste, and how waste from the city dustbins is made into eco-friendly micro-utility household products that sustains livelihood of poor and protects environment.

Students reiterated that this was the most memorable experience and their concept on environment is clearer and fuller now.

Workshop conducted by SAFE team Chiranjeet, Oishanee, Somasree and Angshuman.