

"Shaping A Sustainable Future" | Students Unite for UWC Day

Various sustainable activities helped promote this special day

Metchosin, B.C., 22 September 2023 – Pearson College UWC students marked UWC Day, AKA the UN International Day of Peace, on Thursday, Sept. 21 by engaging in service projects that focused on sustainability across the college campus along Pedder Bay.

"We're restoring natural environments, beautifying and cleaning up our community as part of continually giving back to this land," said Jason McBride, Head of College. "Service begins at home, but charity begins with us here on campus."

Around the theme of "Shaping A Sustainable Future," students removed invasive species including broom, recycled old library materials along with maintenance supplies and travelled to Weirs Beach to pick trash. Students also prepared individual and customized Orange Shirts for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on Sept. 30 with t-shirts designed by students to show commitments to respecting the original inhabitants of this region land the land upon which the College is situated.

"It's important that we respect Sc'ianew First Nation residency and stewardship of this land from time immemorial and establish a connection," said Bella Zhou, a first-year student from China. "We have to continuously re-evaluate our impact on the land and take care of the environment in which we live."

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About UWC Day

The UWC Movement includes 18 United World Colleges across the globe and nearly 60,000 alumni. UWC Day is the annual global celebration of [UWC mission and values](#) to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace.

About Pearson College UWC

Founded as Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific (Canada) and located along Pedder Bay on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation.

Pearson's mission is "to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future" through a two-year pre-university (equivalent to grades 12 & 13) school for students aged 16 to 19 selected from up to 160 countries and across Canada offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This year, about 80% attend on full or partial scholarships. Nearly 4,300 students have graduated from Pearson, including 15 who have become Rhodes Scholars.

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