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Dubai Student Among 2020 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Teen Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Riva Tulpule, a 14 year-old from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is one of seventeen young environmental activists from across the globe honored by Action for Nature (AFN) as a 2020 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognizes eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16 for their creative initiatives aimed at tackling critical environmental challenges.

Awarded annually, these outstanding young people from across the globe are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. For the past 17 years, the International Young Eco-Hero Awards have honored global youth in two categories – 8 to 12 years old and 13 to 16 years old – who are taking important steps to solve tough environmental problems. Since 2003, Action for Nature has recognized more than 275 young people from over 30 countries and 25 U.S. states.

Riva won third prize in the 13-16 year-old age category for her project, Electronic Waste Recycling.

Riva Tulpule saw the need to responsibly recycle electronic waste, and what started as a small community project in 2017, has evolved into a major enterprise in just three years. By increasing public awareness and enlisting the help of friends as well as local businesses, she has now collected and recycled more than 20 tons of e-waste.

“Kids like Riva have shown that the next generation is refusing to simply stand on the sidelines but instead is turning its passion for helping the planet into projects that have tangible, positive impacts on the environment now,” said Beryl Kay, president of Action for Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth’s natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments. “Young activists like Riva are shaping the world around them and inspiring other young people to take action to protect our Earth.”



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To read more about Riva's work, visit actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards/#riva
or check out the project page at facebook.com/WeCareDXB.

To learn more about this year's International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit
actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards.

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Action for Nature (AFN) is an international non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth's natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments.