

Earth Day 2024

#Plastic vs Planet

Earth Day is a global event which aims to highlight the importance of protecting the environment. It takes place every year on 22 April. It was set up in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a US senator and environmentalist, and Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University. Both had growing concerns about environmental damage in the US, such as that caused by a large oil spill in 1969 in Santa Barbara, California. They came up with Earth Day as a way to engage the public and push green issues to the national agenda.



WWF (World Wide Fund) is asking people to donate an hour of their time - a moment to give back to the planet for that gives us so much.

In celebration they are asking everyone to donate one hour of their time or more to do something positive for the planet. There are lots of ideas on the WWF website of what you can do,

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour#:~:text=Earth%20Day%2C%20held%20on%20April,that%20gives%20us%20so%20much.>

The world has lots of resources that we need but the future is uncertain. The theme for Earth Day this year is Planet vs Plastic showing how important it is to get plastic out of nature. We must take action because this plastic crisis is spreading. Animals, ecosystems and the environment in general are being harmed by plastic.



If we can dedicate an hour to the environment we will help save the planet for future generations to enjoy.

The 2024 theme, "Planet vs. Plastics", aims to raise awareness of the harms of plastic pollution for human and planetary health.

Previous events have covered a range of environmental issues, from climate change and clean energy to protecting species and the benefits of tree planting.

This year's focus comes ahead of an historic **UN treaty on plastics**, which is expected to be agreed by the end of 2024.

More than 50 countries, including the UK, have called for **an end to plastic pollution by 2040**.

But the organisers of Earth Day want to go further, and are calling for a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040.

Visit this website to learn more about Earth Day :

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-68610073#:~:text=Earth%20Day%20is%20a%20global,every%20year%20on%2022%20April.>

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