This annual report of 2020-2021, represents not just the end of another year, but the opening of new doors for the Ervis Foundation. In 2020-21, we were dedicated:

1. To adapt to the challenges posed by the year, by effectively transforming our on-ground programs into virtual programs, while ensuring it stays true to the core values and goals of the foundation.

2. To focus on youth mentorship, with an aim to create young climate leaders who are trained to lead climate advocacy and action within their schools and communities.

3. Build a strong network of partner organizations, environmental experts, and youth leaders who can work in solidarity and help in inspiring the much-needed change for our ocean.
The journey of Ervis foundation can be traced back to 2016, when Haaziq Kazi, a young inventor and co-founder of Ervis Foundation was asked by his school to prepare a Ted Talk on any topic that was close to his heart. Having watched countless documentaries about the adverse effect of Plastic Pollution on marine life, he was certain that there was no bigger problem that he would want to address and drive awareness about. There was no looking back from there. This inspired him to build a ship that can help reverse the damage done to the oceans by us humans.

This was the turning point not only in Haaziq’s life, rather it was a whole new journey to begin. With the creation of the ERVIS Ship, Haaziq’s dedication and efforts were being recognized. More importantly, people began acknowledging that plastic pollution was a problem that needed urgent response. This gave Haaziq the opportunity to interact with many youth and adults across the globe. He especially came across motivated youngsters who shared a similar passion to bring a positive change. This sparked an idea. Haaziq decided to establish a foundation, the Ervis Foundation, that would be dedicated to bringing a generational change in the way the youth today interacts with plastic, ensuring it to be in a more responsible and sustainable manner.

So far in it’s journey of two years, the foundation has worked in collaboration with several schools round the globe. To name a few we have worked with Dixit BMC School, Mumbai, India; Springdales School, Dubai, UAE; Oysters International School, Pune, India; Government Model Sanskriti School Panchkula, India and many more. Majorly awareness programmes, campaigns, and workshops are conducted with school students to enlighten them with the ever growing environmental concerns. Further, these activities give the youth of today a platform to express their ideas and see their dreams turning into realities.
Every new day comes with ever-growing challenges, so did the year 2020. Due to the spread of the novel Coronavirus, it became difficult to conduct physical workshops or activities. Even such challenging circumstances could not dent the determined work spirits of the members of the foundation. A new approach was adopted to carry out the goals of the foundation.

The virtual year began with the launch of the “For What It’s Earth” series, in which experts from environmental law, marine life, plastic pollution, research scholars, etc., were invited to cater to the curiosity of the young people and enlighten the audience with the nuances of respective subject matter.

‘The Blue Circle Initiative’ was another feather to the cap. It is a purely virtual program. Under this initiative students aged 6 to 18 years underwent a three-month mentorship program and were encouraged to develop long-term solutions for our ocean. A sense of awareness was ignited towards the pious objective of how to consume and dispose of plastic in a responsible and sustainable way. Students from India and Dubai participated in this event. We also launched the ‘Blue Warrior Club’ program under this initiative. The Blue Warriors Club is an initiative by Ervis Foundation’s Blue Circle youth leaders. The aim of the program is for the youth leaders to organize a club in their schools with a focus to engage and inspire their fellow school-mates and together organize, lead and implement awareness and action programs within their schools and communities.

The club has been launched by youth leaders Ved Sanyal and Haaziq Kazi in Indus International school Pune, and by Preyasi Desai, Aarav Bhansali and Heer Desai in Fountainhead School, Surat. The two clubs have launched their phase 1 in Feb 2021 with over 30 students registering in both the clubs altogether. They are set to launch phase 2 in May 2021.

After successfully being able to work in such dire situations, one could figure out that we don’t grow when things are easy; we grow when we face challenges. The year of 2021 is expected to be an opportunity for the foundation to grow more, think out of the box and expand its reach round the globe, and effectively bring a generational change in the way the youth participate in our movement to clean our ocean.
OUR VISION

Our vision is to engage with the youth globally, to bring a generational change in the way we consume and dispose of plastic, by being more responsible and sustainable.

OUR MISSION

To be at the forefront of the movement of bringing awareness and inciting change in responsible plastic consumption and disposal by engaging in educational initiatives with the youth.
Ervis Foundation in its second year of inception has arguably faced what the world has witnessed a seismic event, COVID. COVID has altered life significantly for all of us, the way we consume life in general, right from school, to work, to travel to how we even interact within ourselves and most importantly with Mother Earth. While one part of the society witnessed a change in air quality or a lowered carbon footprint, we also witnessed in significant increase in the consumption of disposable plastic in form of disposable gloves, masks, PPE kits, single use packaging among others. the impact of which on our already burdened ecosystem is yet to be quantified. There is a statistic which says we have more single use disposable masks in oceans then jelly fishes in the first 6 months of the pandemic. COVID also impacted us as an organization more specifically our short term goal which was creating a structured front within my generation through workshops and on site exercises. Suddenly we found schools going virtual and children trying to adjust to the new normal, and we too had to adapt. We started engaging with thought leaders like HE Ameena Gurib- Fakim, Charles Rolfsky, Christina Gabetti, Dr Christine Figgener, Tod Hardin, Plastic Oceans and more significantly Dr Ash Pachauri and the POP Movement who helped us evolve or goals to continue on our path. A key highlight for us was our quick adoption of using the digital platform to continue our clean ocean advocacy and making an impact with the youth.

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We are very excited to be entering into the second year of our journey. While the year 2020 has been challenging for the entire world, it has also been an avenue for endless opportunities. In year one, we were dedicated to reaching out into schools across India, and educating and inspiring the youth in the way they interact with plastic. But with the onset of the pandemic, we had to rethink our approach. Initially, it was quite a challenging task. We were uncertain about the level of impact we would be able to make through virtual platforms. But as they say, difficult times give rise to the greatest ideas. We were excited to launch the very first edition of many of our programs and initiatives. Right from our 'For What It's Earth Series' that witnessed the presence of some of the greatest environmental experts and youth leaders, to our 'Blue Circle Program' which helped us identify and mentor incredible young environmental leaders.

The year 2020-21 was also the year of wonderful partnerships and collaborations. We are honored to be partnering with the POP Movement who have strongly believed in our work and our journey so far. We are especially grateful to Dr. Ash Pachauri for his invaluable guidance and support. We are also grateful to all our partner organizations and mentors - Cristina Gabetti, Dr. Charles Rolsky, Dr. Christine Figgener, Steph Evans, Kristal Ocean, Tod Hardin, Ana Hanhausen, Dr. Norma - who have stood by us and provided their valuable insights and unconditional support.

We are all set to step into year three, with greater resilience, strength and belief in ourselves and our partnerships. We hope to continue inspiring many more youth across the globe, and bring the much needed generational change for building a sustainable future of our planet.
OVERVIEW OF THE PLASTIC PROBLEM

2020 - 2021
Indeed, Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues, as the rapidly increasing production of disposable plastic products overwhelms the world’s ability to deal with them. The conveniences plastics offer, however, led to a throw-away culture that reveals the material’s dark side: today, single-use plastics account for 40 percent of the plastic produced every year.

Many of these products, such as plastic bags and food wrappers, have a lifespan of mere minutes to hours, yet they may persist in the environment for hundreds of years.

Today, however, the average consumer comes into daily contact with all kinds of plastic materials that have been developed specifically to defeat natural decay processes—materials derived mainly from petroleum that can be molded, cast, spun, or applied as a coating. Since synthetic plastics are largely non-biodegradable, they tend to persist in natural environments.

Moreover, many lightweight single-use plastic products and packaging materials, which account for approximately 50 percent of all plastics produced, are not deposited in containers for subsequent removal to landfills, recycling centers, or incinerators. Instead, they are improperly disposed of at or near the location where they end their usefulness to the consumer. Dropped on the ground, thrown out of a car window, heaped onto an already full rubbish bin, or inadvertently carried off by a gust of wind, they immediately begin to pollute the environment. Indeed, landscapes littered with plastic packaging have become common in many parts of the world. (Illegal dumping of plastic and overflowing of containment structures also play a role.) Studies from around the world have not shown any particular country or demographic group to be the most responsible, though population centers generate the most litter. The causes and effects of plastic pollution are truly worldwide.
OUR PLASTIC FOOTPRINT

Over the last ten years we have produced more plastic than during the whole of the last century.

Plastics take 500-1000 years to degrade; currently 79% is sent to landfills or the ocean, while only 9% is recycled, and 12% gets incinerated.

By 2050, the ocean is projected to have more plastic than fish, by weight.

10 million tons of plastic are dumped in our ocean annually. That's equal to more than a garbage truck load every minute.

Humans eat over 40 pounds of plastic in their lifetime.

100% of Mussels tested have contained microplastics.

1 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.

90% of the worldwide ocean debris comes from 10 rivers alone.
MARKED ONE YEAR SINCE THE START OF ERVIS FOUNDATION

LAUNCH OF "FOR WHAT IT'S EARTH SERIES" WHICH WITNESSED GUESTS SUCH AS H.E. AMEENAH GURIB FAKIM, EX-PRESIDENT OF MAURITIUS.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE POP MOVEMENT AND DR. ASH PACHAURI JOINING ERVIS AS THE LEAD MENTOR.

THE LAUNCH OF THE BLUE CIRCLE FORUM WITH PARTICIPATION FROM 10 YOUTH LEADERS FROM DUBAI AND INDIA AND 4 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS

HAAZIQ’S CLOSING STATEMENT AT THE UNITED NATION’S HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2020
HAAZIQ’S STATEMENT AT THE UN75 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE FORUM

PRIYANKA’S STATEMENT AT THE THIRD DAY FOR THE OCEAN ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATION’S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA PACIFIC.

LAUNCH OF THE BLUE WARRIORS CLUB BY THE ERVIS YOUNG CHAMPIONS

SIMPLY SUSTAINABLE VLOG SERIES FT. CRISTINA GABETTI, SUSTAINABLE ADVISOR

TRAILER LAUNCH OF THE MUSIC VIDEO ‘PLASTICATED WORLD’ FT. HAAZIQ KAZI AND DR ASH PACHAURI

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TALK SERIES

1. FOR WHAT IT'S EARTH

For what it's Earth... is a youth-led talk series that aimed to inspire the much-needed conversations about the future of our environment. Our goal was to create a platform for having constructive conversations and to brainstorm and share solutions to some key problems that threaten our environment today.

The series hosted an array of youth and other individuals who are actively working in the forefront, tackling the major adversities that is harming our ocean and our environment.

We had the opportunity to engage in conversation with over 10 environmental experts and youth leaders, covering a range of topics from affect of microplastics, to importance of leadership, understanding sustainability, impact of youth advocacy and action and much more.
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Ervis’ Blue workshop attempts to inculcate awareness and engage the young generation in learning processes that encourage a sustainable and plastic-free approach to life. The primary focus is to not just educate the youth, but to instil a behavioural change in the way children between the age group of 6 to 18 years interact, consume and dispose of plastic.

We were delighted to partner with Why Waste? for their Hopeschooling initiative, to organize our very first online blue workshop. The session witnessed participation of over 15 passionate youth from Dubai and India. Participants explored range of topics from understanding what plastic is, to its impact on marine life and on human health. They learnt about the existing solutions, and identified gaps and brainstormed solutions to better tackle plastic pollution.
The Blue Circle forum brings together young people and environmental experts on the same ‘virtual’ table to discuss and brainstorm key actions, solutions, and policies that can be implemented as a response to tackle the global plastic crisis, using the ‘Harkness’ method of learning.

OBJECTIVES

01 Constructive discussions through equal participation
02 In-depth analysis through open-dialogue
03 Sharing of valuable insights and feedback with one another
04 Exploring possibilities through the method of inquiry
01 Focusing on self-development while channeling actions for the betterment of the environment
02 Creating a meaningful web of interactions
03 Direct interaction and brainstorming sessions with experts from the field of environment conservation
04 Formulating policies, ideating solutions and innovations for ocean conservation
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NEAREST INITIATIVE

III. BLUE CIRCLE FORUM

10 YOUTH LEADERS
PASSIONATE TO DRIVE CHANGE FOR OUR OCEAN AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM INDIA AND DUBAI

3-MONTH VIRTUAL MENTORING PROGRAM

FOUR EXPERT MENTORS

SEVEN PROJECTS DEVELOPED

OVERVIEW
LEAD MENTOR
DR. ASH PACHAURI,
SENIOR MENTOR, POP MOVEMENT

IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH
THE POP MOVEMENT

OUR GUEST MENTORS

DR. NORMA MUNOZ,
HEAD OF CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC

CRISTINA GABETTI,
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR

ANA HANHAUSEN,
POP YOUTH MENTOR

STEPH EVANS,
FOUNDER, SEAS OF CHANGE

OUR STAR YOUTH LEADERS

PAVANI CHADALAWADA

PRAKRTI PRAKASH

VED SANYAL

PREYASI DESAI

SIDDH SANGHAVI

STUTI MISHRA

AARAV BHANSALI

MEENAKSHI RAKHESH
SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE PLASTIC CRISIS
In the very first session of the Blue Circle, the youth leaders came together along with our lead mentor Dr. Ash Pachauri, to learn about one another and about the plastic crisis that is plaguing our ocean today.

SESSION 2: INTRODUCTION TO THE PLASTIC CRISIS I PART 2
In the second session of the Blue Circle, we explored some of the key questions that were raised in session one and ideated the possible different ways in which we can effectively take our dialogues and transform it into action.

SESSION 3: ROLE OF POLICY MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION I FT. DR. NORMA PATRICIA
In the third session of the Blue Circle, we were joined by the Head of Climate Change Council for the Presidency of the Mexican Republic and Honorary Distinguished Mentor of the POP Movement, Dr. Norma Patricia. She gave the youth leaders a deep insight into the process behind developing policies for climate change and working towards their effective implementation.

SESSION 4: THREAT OF PLASTICS ON OUR OCEANS AND THE MARINE LIFE
In the fourth session of the Blue Circle, we celebrated International Coastal Clean-up Day by understanding the critical threat that plastic poses to the health of our oceans and marine life. We also shared some of the key initiatives being taken up by our youth leaders for the protection of our oceans.

SESSION 5: YOUTH MENTORING YOUTH I FT. ANA HANHAUSEN AND STEPH ANN
In the fifth session of the Blue Circle our Youth Leaders got the opportunity to discuss and brainstorm solution models with two very inspiring Youth Advocates – Ana Hanhausen and Steph Ann, along with support from our lead mentor, Dr. Ash Pachauri.
The Solver’s Arena was the final session of the first edition of the Blue Circle which witnessed the culmination of everything that was discussed, ideated, and brainstormed during the course of the forum. Our incredible youth leaders presented their plan of action for solving the plastic pollution crisis in front of an esteemed panel of evaluators which included our lead mentor Dr. Ash Pachauri, and our guest mentors Ana Hanhausen, Steph Ann and Cristina Gabetti.

**PROJECTS PRESENTED**

Circular Economy Education Guide  
**by Aarav Bhansali**

Save Our World Innovation  
**by Stuti Mishra**

Aquifer Storage and Recovery System  
**by Pavani Chadaddwala**

Ecoducation  
**by Preyasi Desai and Meenakshi Rakhesh**

Plastic Repellant  
**by Ved Sanyal**

Use Eco-Friendly Plastic - Awareness Campaign  
**by Siddh Sanghavi**

Research on the Effects of Biomedical and Hazardous Waste on Our Environment  
**by Prakrti Prakash**
PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

The Blue Circle youth leaders had the prestigious opportunity to present their projects at the 2020 POP Festival.

BLUE CIRCLE WORKSHOP @ POP FESTIVAL 2021

The Blue Circle Group also had the unforgettable opportunity of hosting a Blue Circle workshop at the 2020 POP Festival. The youth leaders had the opportunity to interact and engage with over 15 participants from across the globe, to brainstorm solutions for tackling the plastic crisis.

POP FESTIVAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

STUTI MISHRA,
SAVE OUR WORLD PROJECT:
Winner of the Nature Conservation Award.

PREYASI DESAI AND MEENAKSHI RAKHESH,
ECODUCATION
Winner of the Blue Circle Award.
NEWEST INITIATIVE

IV. BLUE WARRIORS CLUB

The Blue Warriors Club is an initiative by Ervis Foundation’s Blue Circle Youth Leaders. The aim of the program is for the youth leaders to organize a club in their school with a focus to engage and inspire their fellow school-mates and together organize, lead and implement awareness and action programs within their schools and communities. The Club is led and driven by the youth, virtually.

- Create a community of Eco-Youth Warriors
- Initiate school-level programs led and driven by the Youth
- Make eco-learning an integral part of the school environment.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Youth leaders organize an eight-session program (virtually) with students selected through an application process.

The Blue Circle leaders and the Club leaders will engage in important discussions on issues regarding our marine environment and explore solutions.

Towards the end of the eight sessions, they will also work on developing an action plan together, for the year to come.

Every month the youth leaders will organize a club meeting to discuss the actions taken for the month and the plan for the next month. They will also assess their impact.

Post the sessions, the youth leaders will organize various awareness and action campaigns every month.

The Club will culminate at the end of the year, where we will organize a Blue Warriors Conclave which will witness dialogues with experts, project showcase and awards ceremony.

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NEWEST INITIATIVE

IV. BLUE WARRIORS CLUB

TOPICS COVERED IN THE CAPACITY BUILDING SESSIONS

01 ORIENTATION: INTRODUCTION TO THE CLUB

02 PLASTIC POLLUTION AND OUR OCEAN AND THE BIODIVERSITY

03 EFFECTS OF PLASTIC ON OUR HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

04 ROLE OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS IN TACKLING PLASTIC POLLUTION

05 ROLE OF POLICY MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN PROTECTING OUR OCEAN

06 IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION IN TACKLING THE PLASTIC CRISIS

07 WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?
DEVELOPING THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR FOR THE CLUB AND MAPPING OUT THE PROPOSED GOALS AND OUTCOMES TO BE ACHIEVED
The Fountainhead Blue Warriors Club was successfully launched on February 20th, 2021. The club successfully completed phase 1 by March 2021.

**Phase 1 of the blue warriors club was full of knowledge and knowing what is the problem that we are actually facing, which is helping me in phase 2 for taking action. I found phase one interactive and important to help fulfill the outcome of blue warriors club.**

- **KAVYA SHAH**

**The phase 1 of FS Blue warriors was full of insights and learning. This club made me realize that it is high time now as we have to take some or the other actions for our environment. I feel proud being a part of such a great and hard-working club.**

- **MANYA KELAWALA**

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**THREE CLUB LEADERS**

- PREYASI DESAI
- AARAV BHANSALI
- HEER DESAI

**FIVE CLUB MEMBERS**

- KAVYA SHAH
- MANYA KELAWALA
- DIYA PATEL
- DEV PATEL
- DHRUVI PATEL

**TWO EXPERT MENTORS**

- ANA HANHAUSEN
- DR. ASH PACHAURI
The Indus Blue Warriors Club was successfully launched on February 20th, 2021.

The club successfully completed phase 1 by March 2021.

The session was absolutely wonderful. We got to learn about some interesting facts like turtles return to the breeding ground and more. It was also interesting to learn about the policy making. She also talked about marine life and how we are destroying it and also to watch "Seaspiracy"

-DHYEY

I loved the fact that the real-life examples she showed us weren’t stereotypical like bioplastics and metal straws, which we have already seen before. I got to learn about new solutions I hadn’t heard about before, which is very cool. I did not know there is a thing that prevents microplastics, or a dress made from seaweed.

- ABIYA

**Testimonials**

**Two Club Leaders**
- VED SANYAL
- HAAZIQ KAZI

**Twelve Club Members**
- YUVRAJ THORAT
- ADVITA KARNAD
- ABIYA SYED
- DHYEY SHAH
- AYANA BERI
- BHAVYE MATHUR
- RAHIL MEHTA
- CHINMAY PATGAONKAR
- RANVEER GULATI
- TIA SHETTY
- ARJUN VAITLA
- AMIT BIJLANI

**Three Expert Mentors**
- DR. ASH PACHAURI
- CRISTINA GABETTI
- DIPANI SUTARIA
American roots, Italian upbringing, Cristina Gabetti is a journalist, writer, moderator, speaker, coach and sustainability advisor. Based in Milan, Italy, the seeds of her commitment to research and promote sustainable solutions are rooted in motherhood. When her first child was born she began investigating the impact of our lifestyles on society and the environment.

Every week Cristina shares her expertise and personal experience with sustainable living by taking us on a journey of understanding how we can simply transform our everyday lives to be more zero-waste and environmentally friendly.
United Nations High Level Political Forum,
Statement by Haaziq Kazi

"Time has come to change our dialogues into actions and come together to work towards climate change", says Haaziq Kazi while addressing the UN75 Global Governance Forum.

UN75 Global Governance Forum,
Closing Statement by Haaziq Kazi

"The greatest barrier to progress is not a lack of solutions - it is our love of models that have proven their insufficiency in the face of current realities. Nations can no longer put people, planet and peace on a backseat and give a front seat to profit. Today, more than ever, we need to drive a generational change if we want to make the ‘Decade of Action’ more than just a catchy slogan...."

Third-Asia Pacific Day for the Ocean,
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific, Closing Statement by Priyanka Prakash
Haaziq Kazi joined this year’s annual event, Brightmark Waste Reimagined 2020. Haaziq shared his journey which started from building the first prototyped ERVIS, his invention to clean plastic from the surface of the ocean. In this talk, he shares how ERVIS has progressed in the years since, how he launched the Ervis Foundation and the lessons he learned about tenacity and adaptability along the way.

TEDxPESU, Countdown Event, By Shivang Sud and Haaziq Kazi:

Haaziq Kazi and Shivang Sud depict how harmful plastic is for our ecosystems through their poem ‘Not So Fantantic - Plastic’. They place particular importance on how marine ecosystems have been harmed due to the amount of plastic that remains in oceans. The poem is also being turned into a rap music video, ‘Plasticated World’ which will feature Haaziq Kazi and Dr. Ash Pachauri.
Evolving by Solving: Haaziq Kaazi, Kaajal Gupta and Piyush Ghosh, in conversation with Worldview's CMO, Aditya Soma, Worldview Education

Haaziq Kaazi, Kaajal Gupta and Piyush Ghosh, three teenage Solvers were in conversation with Worldview’s CMO, Aditya Soma about their solution to change the world, their entrepreneurial journeys and if one can really build an organisation while still managing school and college work.

Climate POD, The POP Movement

Climate Pods is a virtual initiative organized by FXB-USA Climate Advocates and Youth Climate Leaders in the months of July and August 2020. Focusing on the themes Livable Cities, Water, Food, and Fashion, this informative training program seeks to employ narrative and storytelling practices, along with special guest talks from thought and action leaders to reimagine and personalize key themes of the climate crisis. Climate Pod is a space where individuals can reflect and unpack their own climate narrative while connecting with others to reimagine and retell a collective vision for the changing world around us.
Youth-Led Ocean Action & Advocacy Workshop, POP Movement:

This workshop focused on the importance of identifying the problem, setting objectives, and creating a roadmap while developing a project. It also delved into the aspect of identifying and understanding the target audience and tools to effectively communicate a message.

POP Festival 2020, Technology And Innovation Driving Youth-Led Climate Action

Technology and innovation are one of the major ways through which we can help climate change happen at large. Promoting the climate change idea through this platform of POP Festival was an honor for Ervis Foundation.
Stories that Inspire, The POP Movement

Guest speaker at launch of Electrical Car at Auto Expo 2020, on behalf of Mahindra Electric:

Invited as a speaker at Carbon Footprint Summit in Warsaw Poland:

2nd Place winner at RO Plastic Prize 2020 Milan, Italy for Innovation Project
TALKS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Speaker at ‘Be Extraordinary’ Program by Nucleus Consultant

WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE: 12 kids who are changing their communities and our world

HTTPS://WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/KIDSPOST/2020/04/11/12-KIDS-WHO-ARE-CHANGING-THEIR-COMMUNITIES-OUR-WORLD/?ARC404=TRUE

TWEAK INDIA: They aren't old enough to stand for elections, but these young environmentalists could save our planet

01 THE POP MOVEMENT

The POP movement aims to empower the youth to have an active participation in addressing issues of climate change faced by our planet. The POP Movement was founded by Lt. Dr. R.K. Pachauri, who brought the issue of climate change on the international agenda and led the Nobel Peace Laureate Organization, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as Vice-Chairman for five years and as Chairman for thirteen years.

02 SEAS OF CHANGE

At Seas of Change, the goal is to preserve the world’s dwindling population of marine life by protecting their environments and educating today’s youth. The mission is to raise funds and awareness for marine life and their environments, whilst educating and inspiring today’s youth to make a change in their communities. We invite you to join us in this beautiful cause to help preserve our magnificent oceans and its marine life for the next generations.

03 BAHAMAS PLASTIC MOVEMENT

Bahamas Plastic Movement believes that through research, education, citizen science & policy change, we can create a healthy marine and terrestrial environment free of plastic pollution. BPM’s mission is to build a community of education and activism around plastic pollution. By empowering Bahamians to contribute to hands on citizen science and environmental leadership, we aim to evolve mindsets and spark cultural practices that will be pivotal in executing changes at the policy level.

04 WHY WASTE?

With a goal of partnering to build a world where every drop of water for today turns into an olive branch for tomorrow, Why Waste? is a team of like-minded youth who are taking water positivity to the world stage by means of innovative education and ideas that bring about a systemic change.
Haaziq Kazi, Co-founder
Haaziq Kazi is a 15-year-old Indian student in Grade IX from Indus International School Pune. Haaziq is a TED ED and Tedx speaker and inventor of ERVIS, the Ship. He is super passionate about the ocean and the plastic pollution problem. Haaziq is currently appointed as the Regional Focal Point for SDG14, Youth Constituency for the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth for Asia-Pacific.

Dr. Ash Pachauri, Lead Mentor, Ervis Foundation
Senior Mentor, POP (Protect Our Planet) Movement; Secretary and Treasurer and Member of the Board, World Sustainable Development Forum, Dr. Ash Pachauri has a PhD in decision behavior and master's degree in international management. Having worked with McKinsey & Company before pursuing a career in the social development arena, Dr. Pachauri’s experience in the fields of public health, environment, and management emerges from a range of initiatives including those of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, PATH, UNDP, IPPF, and CDC program interventions in the US.

Priyanka Prakash, Program Director
Leading the educational initiatives for the Ervis Foundation, 24-year-old Priyanka is passionate about working in the social sector and bringing a positive sustainable change in the world. As the Program Director for Ervis Foundation, Priyanka is working closely on aligning the Foundation’s visions with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - 12 and 14 and is greatly instrumental in running the operations. She is currently appointed as the Regional Focal Point for SDG14, Youth Constituency for the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth for Asia-Pacific.
Our Team

Amit Mishra, SDG Advisor
Amit is 26 year old and currently is a consultant for Content and Research Department in ERVIS Foundation. Amit comes from cyber security background working with PwC in the past and feels strongly about our responsibility towards environment. Amit is a voracious reader and an author with a book to his credit.

Rahul Tulsiani, Social Media Head
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