YOUTH FUTURES VIETNAM E-NEWSLETTER

UPDATES, CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2022

STORYTELLING

The last few months have been a busy period for the youth and researchers. Following the last workshop in Hanoi, the youth have been busy collecting data within their provinces, learning all about local climate change impacts, the revelational methods local people are employing to combat such changes, and the future steps those same people want to see. We met online with each group a few weeks ago, and many stories are beginning to emerge. The next big step is to work with the youth in turning this data into stories that will be communicated both within the locales in which they originate and beyond. This will be a collaboration between youth and researchers, with the bulk of activity to prepare the youth for this next phase occurring between 20th and 28th October.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

As the youth on this project are new to this, we want to share a breadth of storytelling examples to inspire them. Anything from traditional methods of storytelling such as books, art and poetry, to more innovative methods such as knitting, AI, or podcasting are welcome.

Think you have an example? Email us at f.e.halstead@hull.ac.uk and we will include it in the next set of workshops.

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SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK: DR MENDRIK EXPLORES

Dr. Freija Mendrik is a marine scientist at the University of Hull, and National Geographic explorer. She's currently researching how microplastics are impacting coral reefs. As a part of this research, she recently travelled to Con Dao, a group of islands off the southeast coast of Vietnam. Con Dao is known for its beautiful beaches, diverse marine life and abundant coral reefs. Unfortunately the reefs of Con Dao may be at risk to plastic pollution.

Working with local organisations, Freija collected water and sand samples on Con Dao reefs to examine them for microplastics. She also filmed the reefs for photogrammetry analysis: the creation of 3D models. This will indicate how structurally complex the corals are which can give insights into reef health.

Freija will look for relationships between coral health and microplastic concentrations to understand how the corals of Con Dao are being impacted by plastic pollution.

To keep up to date with her research, follow her on Instagram and Twitter at:

@freija.marine @FreijaMendrik

GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE YOURSELF?

Any recent successes you'd like to share with the wider team, challenges you want to discuss, projects you want to communicate, opportunities you think might be of interest to other recipients? Let us know at f.e.halstead@hull.ac.uk and we will include it in a future e-newsletter!