



Leave Your Mark Initiative 2025/2026

Plastic Collection & Upcycling Project

Who Is Leading the Project?

The DSSD Student Champions c/o Student Engagement Unit, Division of Student Services and Development (DSSD), are leading the 2025/2026 "Leave Your Mark" Initiative. This annual, student-led initiative serves as a lasting gift to the campus community, leaving a tangible mark of student leadership, sustainability, and service.

This year's project focuses on plastic collection and upcycling and will be executed in collaboration with Flying Tree Environmental Management Trinidad and Tobago, a local environmental organization specializing in plastic collection and upcycling.

Project Objectives

This semester-long initiative aims to:

- Collect 500,000 grams (approximately 33,333 plastic bottles) of uncontaminated plastic waste across the university community.
- Transform the collected plastic into a recycled plastic-lumber bench.
- Install the bench in a high-traffic campus location (proposed: Student Activity Centre – Ground Floor).

The project will run from January 30 – April 30, 2026.

Why This Project?

This initiative directly supports:

- Campus sustainability goals.
- Environmental responsibility and waste reduction.
- Student engagement and leadership development.

Plastic pollution remains a major environmental challenge locally and globally. By converting waste into a functional campus asset, this project:

- Keeping materials in use instead of sending them to the landfill.
- Provides a tangible, visible symbol of student impact.
- Encourages long-term sustainable behaviour across campus.

The bench will stand as a permanent reminder that collective small actions can lead to meaningful change.

How Stakeholders Can Support?

We invite stakeholders to partner with us through:

1. Logistical Support
 - Assistance with storage and collection logistics
 - Access and approval to facilitate the installation of the recycled bench in a suitable location on campus.
2. Promotional Support
 - Sharing campaign materials through official channels.
3. Participation & Advocacy
 - Encouraging staff and students to contribute to clean plastic waste.
 - Promoting inter-faculty engagement.

The Impact

At the conclusion of the initiative, the campus will gain:

- A recycled plastic bench
- A stronger culture of sustainability
- Increased student-faculty engagement
- A measurable reduction in plastic waste

Together, we can transform plastic waste into a lasting symbol of environmental responsibility.

Campus Life Await. Get Involved!

Sit Here, Start Something!

The final Product



Project Timeline



January 30 – April 10,
Plastic collection
drive across campus



March 2 – March 31,
Eco-Faculty Plastic
Collection
Competition



April 13, 2026
Delivery of collected
plastic to the Flying
Tree compound for
processing



April 30, 2026
Official unveiling of
the recycled plastic
bench

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