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Our Campaign to Ban Plastic Bags in Bali

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Hi, I'm Melati Wijsen, from Bali. I have a sister, Isabel. When my sister and I were elementary school students, we learned about great people who changed the world, such as Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi. After that, we wanted to change the world, too. We didn't want to wait until we got older.

Then we discussed the various problems in Bali and found that one big problem was plastic waste. Look at this picture of plastic waste on the beach. To reduce plastic waste, we decided to focus on something we use every day: plastic bags.

We began a campaign and called it "Bye Bye Plastic Bags." At first, we gathered a team of local kids through social media. As you can see in this picture, we picked up plastic bags on the beach. We also gave presentations around Bali and collected signatures.

As a result, we finally met the Governor of Bali. This is the picture of at that time. He promised us to ban plastic bags in Bali.

Our campaign has also become an international movement. "Bye Bye Plastic Bags" teams have launched in over 50 locations across the world. Look at this picture. The map shows our global teams in the world.

From this success, we learned that even kids can make a difference. We have the power to change the world.

Words

Nelson Mandela ネルソン・マンデラ (1918–2013) Mahatma Gandhi マハトマ・ガンディー (1869–1948)

discuss(ed) ~を話し合う waste ごみ reduce ~を減らす focus 重点的に取り扱う gather ~を集める

kid(s) 子ども signature(s) 署名 governor 知事 launch(ed) 勢いよく始める global 世界的な

- focus on ~ ~に重点を置く
- make a difference 変化を生み出す