

SETTING YOUTH ON THE RIGHT TRACK

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Photos were taken at a fundraiser at the Acres Wildlife Rescue Centre.

Youth and children are often overlooked by many, especially by the older generations from which terms like “strawberry generation” is used to describe the fragility of youths. Even though such notions are often ill-convinced by the increasing focus of youth involvement which is bringing a new wave of activism and campaigns which are vital to highlight, unfortunately the older generations forget that children and youth are the foundation of our economy and society. It is pertinent that the older generation realizes that society’s future lies in their hands and therefore, it is vital and important to get them set on the right track early in life.

I recently participated in a fundraiser organised by the Acres Wildlife Rescue Centre, where I mended a booth where I interacted with young children and engaged them in conversations about the need to protect wild animals and spread awareness that they are not all harmful and dangerous to humans while helping them to make masks which then helped to raise money. Their excitement and inquisivity while learning

more about causes and initiatives that Acers runs was truly adorable and inspirational and made me realise the importance in engaging children and youths from a young age and how this can help to get them interested and involved in such societal causes.

After speaking to one of the volunteers at Acers I found out more about certain initiatives that are being carried out in order to teach younger children and youth about the importance to take care of the well-being of animals. One of the most common programmes that Acers conducts is getting its volunteers to conduct talks in schools in order to spread awareness about the importance to protect animals. Acers strongly believes that it is important to get their message out to children while they are still young.