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London Young Person Among 2023 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Student Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Leo Sordello-Savale, an 8 year-old from London, England is one of seventeen young environmental activists from across the globe to receive a 2023 International Young Eco-Hero Award, announced Action For Nature today. This award honors eco-conscious youth ages 8 to 16 who are taking crucial steps to solve tough environmental problems.

Leo won the Dr. Mary Griffin-Jones Award in this year's competition. This award is named for physician, author, artist and founding member of Action For Nature, and honors a young person who is pursuing environmental activism through art and literature.

Winners of the International Young Eco-Hero Award are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. For the past 20 years, Action For Nature has recognized 339 Eco-Heroes from 27 countries and 32 U.S. states.

Leo's Animal Planet is a YouTube channel that features original, humorous, and educational videos about a wide array of animals, from sharks to bees. Leo's project aims to raise awareness about endangered species and climate change and to inspire young people worldwide to protect nature and wildlife. His videos have already had a significant impact: not only are they used in schools to educate children about animal conservation, the videos have also attracted nearly 100,000 views online.

"Leo and all of this year's young climate champions are proving one thing loud and clear: the next generation of leaders has arrived, and they're unleashing their power on a global scale to tackle the climate crisis head-on," said Beryl Kay, president of Action for Nature. "The incredible accomplishments of Leo and our other winners are more than just isolated projects – they're changing lives and transforming communities for the better."

"During lockdown, I was watching a lot of nature programmes and missing nature a lot. We don't have a garden and there is not a lot of nature where I live, and I was quite lonely," said Leo Sordello-Savale. "I asked my parents if I could make videos about

animals so I can connect with friends who love animals like me."

To learn more about Leo's work, visit
<https://www.youtube.com/@LeosAnimalPlanet/videos>.

For high-resolution photos of Leo and to learn more about all of this year's International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit
<https://actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2023-winners>.

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Action For Nature (AFN) is an international non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth's natural resources and to take personal action to protect the environment.