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## **Hanoi Teen Among 2022 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners**

### ***Local Student Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems***

San Francisco – Linh Nguyen, a 14 year-old from Hanoi, Vietnam, is one of sixteen young environmental activists from across the globe to receive a 2022 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.

Winners of the International Young Eco-Hero Award are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. Since 2003, Action For Nature has recognized more than 341 Eco-Heroes from over 31 countries and 26 U.S. states.

Linh won the Dr. Mary Griffin-Jones Award for her project, “A Piece of Forest for You.”

The new Dr. Mary Griffin-Jones Award, named for physician, author, artist and founding member of Action For Nature, honors a young person who is pursuing environmental activism through art and literature.

Since sixth grade, Linh’s dream has been to help trees. Her book “A Piece of Forest for You” provides information for children about what a forest is, its trees, plants, and animals, and why its protection is important. The first 2,000 copies sold out, and the book is now in its second printing. Linh donated over \$4,000 USD in book profits to the Forest Plantation Fund for the Meo Vac District in the Ha Giang Province of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. Linh continues to visit schools and festivals to promote the book and to raise awareness about the importance of forests.

“Young people like Linh have shown that the next generation of leaders is here, and they are taking action across the globe now to address the climate crisis and solve local, national, and global environmental challenges,” said Beryl Kay, President of Action For Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for the Earth and to take personal action to improve the environment. “The projects that young people like Linh have created are having real and important impacts on their communities, helping to solve global climate challenges, and are inspiring others – including adults – to do what they can to help.”

“Since childhood, I have traveled with my family to many forests in Vietnam and my dream has been to help trees,” said Linh Nguyen. “I hope that through the book, I can provide knowledge for young people, especially children living in urban areas, so that the young generation can understand, love and protect forests. Besides, through the sale of books, I want to take practical actions to contribute in planting more trees.”

To learn more about Linh’s work, visit [linkedin.com/in/linh-nguyen-than-thuy](https://www.linkedin.com/in/linh-nguyen-than-thuy).

To learn more about this year’s International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit [www.actionfornature.org](http://www.actionfornature.org).

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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.*