

Wangari Maathai Institute's postgraduate students' visits TakaTaka Solutions for experiential learning on February 10, 2017



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The Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies continues to expose its postgraduate students to experiential learning just as Prof. Wangari Maathai hoped, “One aspect of a love of nature that we need to foster is experiential. Nature and in particular, the wild-feeds our spirit and a direct encounter with it is vital in helping us appreciate and care for it. For unless we see it, smell it, or touch it, we tend to forget it, our souls wither,” (Maathai, 2010- Replenishing the Earth). On February 10, 2017, TakaTaka Solutions provided yet another ideal platform for the students’ hands on experience on waste management. TakaTaka Solutions is a Nairobi-based waste collection and resource recycling business, whose mission is to provide affordable and environmentally friendly waste management services to all income areas. TakaTaka Solutions was founded in 2011 to overcome the existing waste management situation in Nairobi and beyond. Collecting and recycling previously uncollected waste, TakaTaka Solutions makes the environment cleaner and healthier, while closing the loop for valuable materials. TakaTaka Solutions employs local youths to collect waste door-to-door, while training and equipping clients to separate their waste. The organic waste is then composted to organic fertilizer, while the recyclables are sold to outside recycling companies. By recycling 80% of waste collected and thus saving disposal costs, TakaTaka Solutions can collect waste for as low as 0.6 GBP per household/month.

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