

ZHARITY NEWSLETTER

March & April 2022

President's Corner

Though we can expect a few more snowflakes here and there, spring is in the air. With that in mind, we have a busy early Spring planned. In honor of Earth Day, Zharity Earth has several activities planned, such as our visits to the waste-to-energy facility and zero-waste grocery store. You can find a complete list of our events on our [Calendar](#).

As you may recall from our previous newsletter, this Spring we are running our [Personal Care Kits](#) campaign. In light of recent events in Ukraine, we have expanded this campaign to include additional items to help the many new refugees on the EU-Ukrainian border. Until March 25, we shall be collecting personal care items and gently loved/new bath towels as planned. We are also asking for clean gently-loved/new sleeping bags, blankets and sleeping mats. Together, we can bring hope and warmth and welcome our neighbors during these turbulent times.

The great strides we have recently made to Zharity's infrastructure will not only support our current Personal Care Kits campaign, but also our many future local and international campaigns.

After over a year of searching, Zharity has been able to secure our first storage space! Having a central space allows us to move items from volunteer drop-off sites to agencies much quicker. In addition, in January we launched our own inventory system. This has already provided a streamlined and more efficient way of tracking donations.

We hope you will join us in paying it forward by [becoming a volunteer](#) and by [donating](#).



International Effort

Personal Care Kits

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, from March 1 to March 25, we are running our Personal Care Kits



Local Collections

Pop-Up Collection

We continue our rolling pop-up collection to support 30+ local agencies in Switzerland. Some of our

campaign to support refugees on the EU-Ukrainian border.

We shall be collecting a variety of items including:

- Complete Personal Care Kits for Men
- Complete Personal Care Kits for Women
- Complete Personal Care Kits for Children
- Sleeping bags, blankets, and mats (clean and new/gently-loved)
- Towels (clean and new/gently-loved)

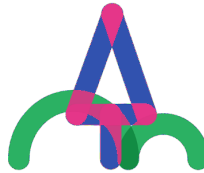
If you would like to make a donation of items or a financial donation to help us buy more items, please [sign-up](#) via our website. We are very grateful for your [donation](#).

current requests include: a wooden train set, a boy's schoolbag, a tire pump, foldable table, and more.

Please click on [this link](#) to check out the list and sign up to donate.

General Donation

If you have an item not on our pop-up collection list that you think we can use, please fill out the [Donation Form](#) and we'll be in touch.



Zharity Earth

Hagenholz Waste-to-Energy

March 19, 2022, 10am till 12pm

Zharity Earth invites you to experience up close how ERZ Disposal + Recycling Zurich converts combustible waste into CO2-neutral heating and ecological energy. On this exciting tour of the Hagenholz facility, we will be following waste on its way through the fire to usable energy. This tour will be in English and we ask for a donation of CHF 10.

[Sign up here](#)

The Impact behind Zero Waste

April 5, 2022, 5:30pm to 7pm

Join us online for a conversation about the impact behind Zero Waste. We will be joined by guest speakers Andreas Lindau (Head of Circular Economy at Entsorgung + Recycling) and Esther Falgate (Coordinator for Region Vaud, Zero Waste Switzerland). They will talk to us about what zero waste means, the impact of our choices, how to reduce waste, recycling options, and more. In addition, there will be plenty of time to ask questions.

If you'd like to join this exciting discussion, please [sign up here](#).

Zero Waste Grocery Tour

April 30, 2022, 9am

Come along to zero-waste store Chez Mamie with us and learn about what small steps we can take to reduce waste in our own households. After the introduction, there will be time for shopping and the chance to continue the discussion over a coffee at the Hiltl Sihlpost. This event costs CHF 10, however for all those that pre-registered, you will be given a Chez Mamie container. If you have any questions, please email ivana@zharity.ch

[Sign up here](#)

COVID Announcement

We closely monitor the rules and regulations around COVID and tend to be extra cautious so that we can

all enjoy more events together in the future. As such, when signing up for an event, please note our COVID requirements and please follow these guidelines when participating. (As the regulations are constantly changing, please also note that our COVID requirements can change at short notice.)



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PERSONALBERATUNG

After over a year of searching, on February 1st we were given the keys to a much needed storage space. This new storage unit will allow us to increase our capacity and better serve the Zurich and international communities.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to [Trabeco Personalberatung](#) for helping to make this happen by leasing their storage space to us. Not only were they wonderfully supportive during the process, but they donated all the shelving. In addition, they have provided us a significantly lower rent to ensure that the unit remained within our budget. Thank you Trabeco Personalberatung for this wonderful partnership!



Zcharity General Assembly 2022

Thank you to all those who attended the General Assembly in January. We appreciate you taking the time to reflect on our successes in 2021 and helping us plan for 2022. If you would like to review the meeting notes, please [click here](#).

Meet the Volunteer

This issue we would like to introduce you to Ivana Novak, our Zharity Earth Coordinator.

An engineer with a degree in Physics, I currently works for a company that provides control systems for large scientific experiments, such as particle accelerators and telescopes. While I love my job, I am interested in many things outside it, particularly the environment, animal welfare, biodiversity and climate.

What personal experiences drew you to charity work?

I have always felt that if we are able to help others, we should. I don't come from a privileged background, but perhaps that has given me a greater appreciation for the privileges that I do have and a strong urge to give back and do good where I can.

How did you get involved with Zharity?

Being a member of the Spooglers (Spouses and Partners of Google employees) community, I was aware of the work Zharity did and wanted to join for a while. I finally did in April 2021 when there was an opportunity to help with the collection of bicycles for the local refugees. I noticed there was a "branch" of Zharity which seemed to be inactive at the time but was of great interest to me: Zharity Earth. I became involved in the efforts to revive it and we have been organizing events ever since.

What projects are you working on right now?

I always help with Collections and serve as one of the drop off points. With Zharity Earth, we are currently organizing an online event "The Impact behind Zero Waste". I am also organizing another Zero Waste Shopping tour which will happen on April 30.



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