

Eco-group calls for green IT practices

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Abu Dhabi: While using a computer you are contributing to climate change, so adopt an eco-friendly computer, said volunteers at a gathering to discuss a green future. They've launched a Facebook group, greenitgeeks, to promote green IT practices.

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The event at Old Airport Garden on Saturday evening was hosted by students at the Masdar Institute and the Emirates Wildlife Society in association with the World Wide Fund for Nature.

"In Abu Dhabi, environmentally minded people are in separate isolated groups and we wanted all of them meeting each other, to create links within the community and discuss how we can work together to move the UAE towards a greener future," the organisers said.

This event was part of the October 24 International Day of Climate Action, which aims to raise awareness of climate concerns and the need for the whole planet to work together to restore CO2 levels in the atmosphere to 350 parts per million.

"At the same time, our local campaign titled, 'Heroes of the UAE' — [aimed at] helping the UAE society live more sustainable lifestyles — has been working for over the last eight months to raise awareness of climate change and build a growing community of people who are taking action to save energy and reduce their carbon footprint," they said.

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