

## INTERVIEW: Singapore University of Technology and Design - *Revival Waste*



1. What inspired the direction of this project, and where do you/your team think had the greatest impact on social sustainability?

*At Vietnam, we went to several different areas, each with their own pollution problems, and the people whom worked on the ground. Hearing from them, as well as the initiatives being rolled out, inspired us to join in and do our part. I found that the largest issue was in regards to the processes being rolled out on the ground. Our project, aimed at streamlining those processes, was what we believed to have the greatest impact on social sustainability*

2. How do you/your team feel this project has developed the love that locals have for their city?

*I felt that this project helped the locals in their efforts in saving the environment, and made it easier for them to do so as well. Being able to see how much they have contributed, I feel, would give them the capacity to see the beneficial impacts they have had on the environment through their efforts. I feel this adds tangibility and weight to their contributions, helping them see that every bit of effort contributes back to a greater whole*

3. Based on your/team's experience in Vietnam, how would you/your team hope to transform Singapore's scene for social sustainability?

*I hope to transform Singapore's scene for social sustainability through giving back. In a sense, Revival Waste provided the opportunity for people to reflect upon the impact they had in saving the environment. To that front I hope the same could happen in Singapore as well - where we can help our fellow Singaporeans in recognizing the impact, they have on saving our world*

4. How did you/your team find out about COLA and what attracted you to apply for it?

*We found out about COLA through our project mentors, whom encouraged us to join to share what we have done in our own project, and hopefully inspire others to do more for the world as well!*



5. What advice would you/your team offer to potential applicants who are keen to start their projects?

*To be courageous and daring, willing to try out new things. When we began, we had no idea what we were going to do, or how we can make a change. But by talking to different people, not being afraid to ask questions, making new friends, our project and what we wanted to do eventually emerged, and that was how Revival Waste started.*