



Message from ESRAG Chair, Michael Terrelonge

Hello everyone, and a warm welcome to our January 2026 ESRAG newsletter – Happy New Year! I hope this note finds you feeling refreshed, curious, and ready to dive into a year brimming with climate action, fellowship, and opportunity.

Our ESRAG mission is to “Inspire and empower the Rotary Family with extensive expertise, networks, education and best practices to implement sustainable and impactful environmental projects.” We can best achieve this by listening more to the Rotary family and understanding their efforts in serving the needs of their communities, and offering our ESRAG inspiration, affirmation, and support to promote greater environmental action throughout Rotary.

A major headline for the year is the Rotary International Convention (RICON) in Taipei, Taiwan, scheduled to take place from June 13 to 17, 2026. This gathering is one of the most significant moments on the Rotary calendar, bringing together Rotary members from around the world to share ideas, forge partnerships, and

explore service opportunities on a truly international stage.

Another major international event for Rotary and ESRAG will be UN COP31, which Türkiye will host COP31, including the world leaders' summit in Türkiye. The Pre-COP will be hosted in a Pacific island country (in a location to be decided by the Pacific), supported by the Government of Australia. Recognising this, our work at ESRAG is more relevant than ever as we bring climate awareness into the heart of Rotary's conversations.

Rotary Taipei 2026

I'm thrilled to share that ESRAG will play a central role at RICON in Taipei. Taipei is a vibrant and hospitable city with a rich blend of culture and innovation—and it also provides a compelling lens on climate change in action. It's a fantastic platform to elevate climate action, exchange insights, and inspire even more clubs to take bold steps locally and globally. If you're interested in volunteering at the Environment Hub and being part of this

exciting moment, there's a volunteer form linked in the article below—please sign up and help us make ESRA's presence unforgettable.

Here's to a year of more impact, making a positive contribution to helping Rotary's clubs and districts in advancing environmental action. Let's make 2026 a year that matters.

Thank you, Mike

GLOBAL NEWS

[UNESCO Greening Education Partnership](#)



challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, unsustainable resource use, and inequality. It empowers them to make informed decisions and take action to change society and care for the planet. Drawing upon the Education for Sustainable Development holistic approach to learning, the Greening Education Partnership aims to inspire action for countries to empower learners with the knowledge, skills and values required for inclusive and sustainable economic development within the context of the transition toward digital and green economies.

The Greening Education Partnership (GEP) is a global initiative that takes a whole-of-system approach to support countries to tackle the climate crisis by harnessing the critical role of education. As a collaborative platform for governments and other stakeholders, including inter-governmental organizations, civil society, youth, academia, and the private sector.

The Greening Education Partnership aims to deliver strong, coordinated, and comprehensive action that will prepare every learner to acquire the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes necessary to tackle climate change and promote sustainable development.

Education empowers learners of all ages to take the initiative in addressing interconnected global

Four Pillars

- Greening Schools for climate action and sustainability
- Greening every curriculum – guidance to teach and learn for climate action
- Greening teacher education and education system capacities - Supporting Member States in establishing professional teaching standards that include climate change
- Greening communities - Develop lifelong learning in communities to enhance climate resilience at the local level.

COP30: UNESCO Calls For Urgent Action To Accelerate Green Schools

Ahead of COP30, new UNESCO data shows that

96,000 schools in 93 countries have adopted green practices recommended by UNESCO. The Organization calls on governments and the education sector to continue their efforts to integrate environmental issues into all.

The new data was presented on 13 November during the COP30 Ministerial Roundtable on greening education, co-hosted by Minister Santana of Brazil and UNESCO.

The Roundtable provided an opportunity for leaders and senior policymakers worldwide to exchange good practices in greening education, with a focus on inter-ministerial collaboration and teacher engagement. With the participation of the OECD, the roundtable also discussed the establishment of a global learning target and how to integrate climate literacy into national assessments, using the new PISA framework as a reference.

New Dashboard To Track Greening Education

UNESCO supports countries in integrating climate education into curricula, teacher training, and school systems through the Greening Education Partnership (GEP). Since its establishment three years ago, the partnership continues to build momentum, with 97 countries and 1,900 stakeholders now signed up.

A new global online dashboard, co-led by UNESCO and ISESCO, a GEP partner, has been launched. It is a one-stop shop for greening education, offering transparency and insights into progress and gaps across the four key pillars of action of the Partnership: Greening schools, greening curriculum, greening communities, and greening teacher training and education system capacities.

For more information, see [Greening Education Partnership | UNESCO](#)

National Emergency Briefing on Climate Change

By Judith Diment



The National Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature was held on November 27, 2025, in London, with an invited audience of 1,200 politicians, business leaders, representatives from culture, faith, sport, and the media. 150 Parliamentarians attended. The briefing focused on the urgent climate and nature crisis, featuring leading experts who discussed the latest threats and actionable solutions for the UK.

Professor Mike Berners-Lee, who chaired the meeting, emphasised the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate action. The event was

opened by an impassioned plea from Chris Packham CBE for immediate action to save the planet.

Eight leading experts presented their assessments, covering various dimensions of the climate and nature crisis, including:

- Climate impacts on health and food supply
- National security concerns
- Energy transition
- Nature
- Economic implications of inaction

The National Emergency Briefing is a critical event designed to inform UK policymakers about the severe implications of the climate and nature crisis, marking the start of an important national campaign. It is designed to ensure that Parliament is fully aware of the scale of the emergency and the necessary actions required to address it.

Opening the plenary, Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, underscored the urgency of ambitious, science-based action to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. She emphasised that environmental protection is inseparable from development, health, and economic stability. Kenya's President, William Ruto, called on UNEA-7 to translate the COP30 commitments into tangible action, emphasising the importance of equity, financing for developing countries, and the need for a just green transition.

Beyond the plenary, UNEA-7 featured a rich programme of side events. Discussions highlighted wastewater as a resource for public health, emissions reduction, and the circular economy – offering practical project opportunities at the community level. A landmark dialogue on the

human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment emphasised intergenerational equity and the urgent need to include youth and children in decision-making, education for sustainable development, and access to decent green jobs.

Other sessions explored science diplomacy for rural schoolchildren, the health impacts of plastic pollution – particularly on women – and the role of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in tackling chemicals, waste, wildlife crime, and pollution. The use of artificial intelligence, improved financing, and stronger coordination across MEAs emerged as key enablers of impact.

UNEA-7 concluded with consensus on 11 resolutions and decisions, including action on chemicals and waste, antimicrobial resistance, sustainable AI, wildfire management, glacier protection, and strengthened environmental governance. The message was clear: global agreements are in place – now delivery and local action must follow.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

[Programs of Scale will be reviewed in 2026 to build upon their success](#)



An external review of Programs of Scale is planned for January to June 2026, to help Rotary build on the success of the initiative that provides members

with resources to implement large-scale, high-impact programs.

This won't affect the current 2026 application and award cycle; however, the timeline means that there won't be a 2027 application cycle. As such, the program will not be accepting concept notes in August 2026.

The Board of Trustees, which approved the review in April, will receive the final findings and recommendations in October 2026. Trustees will use the results to decide on any changes to the

[How Climate Change is Endangering Children Worldwide](#)



Climate change is reshaping childhood. UNICEF's [Children's Climate Risk Index \(CCRI\)](#) finds that nearly 1 billion children—almost half of the world's young people—live in areas considered “extremely high risk” from climate and environmental hazards. Around 820 million children are highly exposed to heatwaves, 920 million to water scarcity, and over 1 billion to dangerously high levels of air pollution. More than half of all children worldwide face four or more overlapping climate and environmental threats that pose a significant risk to their health and well-being.

UNICEF's [The Climate-Changed Child](#) highlights that one in three children now lives in areas facing severe water scarcity. Limited access to safe water undermines sanitation, nutrition, and disease prevention, heightening the risk of diarrhoeal

disease, which already claims nearly 480,000 young lives each year. Meanwhile, "A Threat to Progress: The Effects of Climate Change on Health and Wellbeing" shows that rising temperatures and changing ecosystems are already exacerbating malnutrition, respiratory illnesses, and infectious diseases. Air pollution alone causes one in ten child deaths globally.

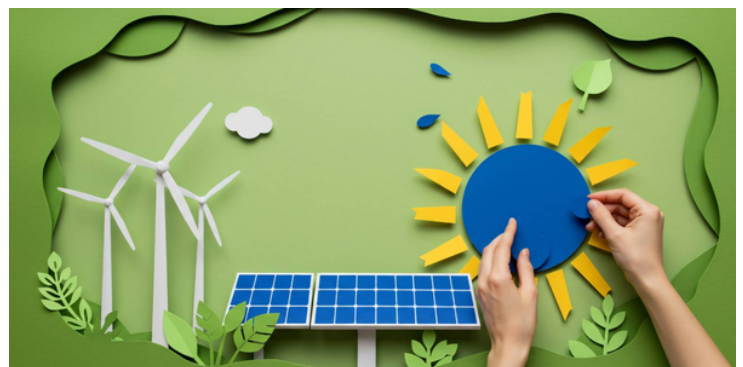
Climate change also poses a threat to immunisation and disease-control efforts. Floods, droughts, and extreme weather events disrupt health services and damage cold-chain systems, which are essential for vaccine storage, while vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue are expanding into new regions. These disruptions undermine decades of progress in protecting children from vaccine-preventable diseases and highlight the need for climate-resilient health systems—facilities with reliable clean energy, safe water, and robust supply chains.

Children bear the least responsibility for the climate crisis yet face its greatest burdens. Integrating climate adaptation into health, nutrition, and disease-prevention programs is essential to safeguard every child's right to survive and thrive. UNICEF cannot confront this crisis alone—it relies on the continued dedication and commitment of partners like Rotary International. Together, we will turn concern into action and help build a healthier, more sustainable future for every child.

[UNEA-7: Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet](#)

By Amb. Josephine Ojiambo

From 8 to 12 December 2025, the Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) took place at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, bringing together government representatives, the private sector, civil society, scientists, and international



organisations. As Rotary International Representative to UNEP, I attended the Assembly under the theme “Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet.”

Programs of Scale grant offerings and to:

- Find ways to improve the application process
- Strengthen the Foundation's grant processes and offerings
- Support award recipients' ability to scale projects beyond the Foundation's investment

Since the first US\$2 million Programs of Scale grant was awarded in 2021, the initiative has shown very positive results. The review is expected to provide actionable insights into the specific reasons for this.

This review means that clubs and districts planning to apply for a future Programs of Scale award will have more time to strengthen their applications by

building relationships with potential partners, gathering evidence to support their intended outcomes, and utilising global grants to implement scalable project models.

We expect to share the findings of this review, enabling members to design more effective service projects and make a greater impact in the future.

Rotary International's fourth Programs of Scale US\$2 million grant is to support members' work with Indian farmers who have been affected by climate change. The program, Partners for Water Access and Better Harvests in India, aims to increase groundwater levels, expand cultivation areas, and increase the incomes of approximately 60,000 farmers by 25-30%.

[ESRAG at RICON Taipei 2026](#)

If you plan to attend RICON Taipei later this year and are interested in volunteering some of your time to help ESRAG, please click the link below and add your details to our list.

ESRAG is helping to run the Environment Hub. We hope to have a booth and a breakout session of our own.

We'll be in touch to let you know what we have planned and how you may help.

➔ [Contact Form](#)



ROTARY PROJECTS

Hurricane Melissa Disaster Relief



Local Rotarians will procure the supplies our clubs need for projects in their communities, stimulating the economic recovery of affected regions and accelerating the delivery of goods to their expected destinations.

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Coming Soon: ESRAG Awards & Recognition 2026

By Judith Diment



ESRAG's Projects Division is excited to announce the return of our Environmental Project Awards, celebrating impactful work across ESRAG's six themes.

Last year, we honoured outstanding projects from dedicated ESRAG Rotarians and partners around the world – and we look forward to showcasing more inspiring initiatives this year.

Stay tuned!

Full details on categories, selection criteria, and submission timelines will be shared in the next edition.

CHAPTERS & TASK FORCES

South East Asia - Charity Chase: Running for a Cause

By Rijjul Madaan



Charity Chase was a unique and inspiring initiative that brought together students from various schools with a shared purpose: to make a positive difference in the community. The event, spanning diverse areas with around 2000 participants, was organised under the leadership of Itr. Rijjul Madaan, Director, envisioned a platform where students could unite, run together, and contribute to meaningful causes through voluntary donations.

From the total amount raised, which stood at Indian Rupees 1,30,412, dustbins were installed in

public spaces. This encouraged cleaner surroundings and fostered a habit of environmental responsibility. A significant portion of the funds was donated to organisations that have long worked for social welfare. Beneficiaries included Nainitails, Choti Si Asha, and Ramlal Vriddha Ashram, each contributing to different areas of need.

Through Charity Chase, students not only enjoyed a day of fun and fitness but also learned the importance of empathy, collective effort, and environmental responsibility.

South East Asia - Charity Chase: Plastic to Purpose: EcoBrick Workshop

By Gurveen Kaur

On 10 November, the Interact Clubs of Wood Blossom School, Kairon, National Public School, Noshehra Pannu and Government Girls School, Kairon jointly hosted the EcoBrick Workshop,

bringing together over 100 students for an environmental learning experience. Conducted in collaboration with ECO SEWA, the session featured an impactful demonstration by Ms Manik



China, who introduced Eco Bricks as a practical and sustainable response to plastic waste.

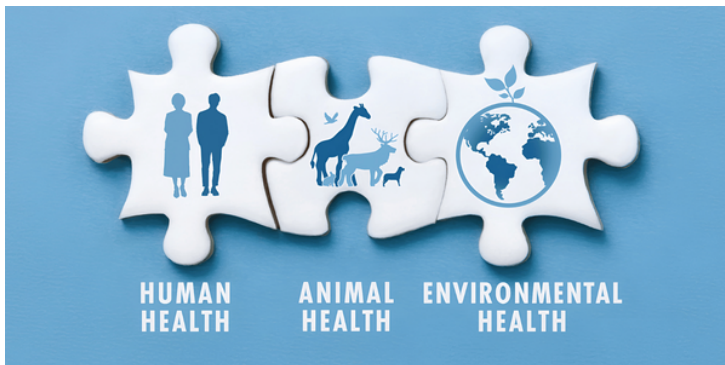
Students were guided through the complete process of creating Eco Bricks, including cleaning, sorting, and tightly packing non-biodegradable plastic into durable and reusable units. They also learned how these bricks contribute to low-cost construction and circular economy models.

This hands-on initiative deepened students' understanding of responsible plastic management and concluded with a resolve among Interactors to conduct regular drives in their school and innovate with EcoBricks created from the waste collected at school and at home.

A Year of Growing Connections: How a Simple Idea Sparked a Community Environment Movement - Oceania

Chapter

By Peter Row



Twelve months ago, Rotary Redcliffe Sunrise member and dedicated ESRAG champion, **Peter Row**, set in motion a partnership that would shape a new chapter in local environmental engagement. His initiative to connect the club with **REF Environment**, a grassroots environmental organisation, began modestly: informal gatherings where REF and club ESRAG members invited guest speakers to share their environmental passions.

What started as casual conversations quickly evolved into a structured monthly event. Before long, the **third Thursday of each month at 7 pm** became a regular fixture at the REF Environmental Hub, drawing in community members eager to learn more about the natural world around them.

The inaugural session focused on one of

Australia's most iconic species – the **koala**. The guest speaker delivered a compelling presentation on koala habitat, the stresses caused by urbanisation, and the diseases that emerge when their ecological balance is disrupted. Attendees also learned of the surprising risks koalas face when moving across fragmented habitats, including predation by unmanaged domestic dogs. About ten community members attended this first talk – a promising start.

To boost momentum for the next session – this time on **kangaroos** – the club secured support from local Members of Parliament, who generously provided gift packs for lucky-door prizes. From that point on, enthusiasm continued to grow steadily.

Over the past year, attendance has doubled as the program expanded its scope.

Strengthening ties with the **University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC)** opened the door to an ever-widening range of topics: fruit flies, fire ants, whales, sharks, owls, and migratory birds. For each session, local MPs were invited to participate, helping to deepen community engagement and broaden awareness of emerging environmental issues.

This flourishing collaboration culminated recently in a **half-day "Sea Country Showcase"**, featuring

UniSC researchers presenting in the dynamic Pecha Kucha format. MPs once again attended, underscoring the growing recognition of the event's value.

The Showcase brought together **around 100 participants** and highlighted the powerful impact of cooperation between community groups, academia, and government. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive – so much so that

planning has already begun for next year's event.

What began as one member's idea has blossomed into a vibrant, community-driven platform for environmental education and action. After just 12 months, Rotary Redcliffe Sunrise, REF Environment, and UniSC have demonstrated what's possible when collaboration serves as the catalyst for meaningful change.

[Solar Energy Helps At-Risk Girls in Nuwakot, Nepal](#)

By Robin Slinger



The Rotary Club of Falmouth, Cape Cod, and the Rotary Club of Providence, Rhode Island, both in district 7950, spearheaded a solar project at a hostel for at-risk girls in rural Nepal. Many other individuals and organisations also contributed to funding this work.

Aur Beck, a leader in the ESRAG Rotary Action Group, was extremely helpful in finding a Nepali company to undertake the work and in assisting our clubs and community leaders in understanding and designing the necessary system.

The solar panels and backup batteries were necessary because the grid in Nuwakot, Nepal, located in the Himalayas, is often unreliable. Members of the Rotary Club of Falmouth, Cape Cod, and their associates teach daily via Zoom at a local hostel, helping girls previously deprived of education catch up with their peers and supplement the schooling they receive. Once the electrical system was stabilised with the solar and

battery backup, the Zoom teaching became much more effective, since the many power interruptions were eliminated.

Two other solar projects have also been done in Nuwakot. Through generous donations from individuals in Falmouth, MA, and Madison, Wisconsin, solar hot water was installed, and many children living in the hostel experienced their first hot showers. The hygiene has improved significantly because the children can now feel comfortable getting clean.

The last solar project to date is the construction of a chicken house, which was built as part of the sustainable agriculture program. This initiative helps feed the community and contributes to the local economy. This project was developed by the Her Future Coalition and UCLA Engineers Without Borders, with infrastructure funding provided by the Rotary Club of Falmouth, Cape Cod, and the Rotary Club of Madison, Wisconsin. Solar panels were installed on the chicken house to power lights for warming the coop, which is especially needed when chicks are small, and to power fans when it is too warm. Additionally, the solar panels provide a convenient charging station for local farmers to charge their cell phones.

The hostel and agricultural programs were founded by a survivor of human trafficking, rescued by the International Justice Mission, who came back to her village to stand in the way of the horrific suffering caused by the normalised trafficking of

young girls to Kolkata brothels. She began by building a school in the village, which now educates more than 140 children (boys and girls). This initiative provides a better education for the local children, giving them a head start in higher grades and increasing their chances of securing jobs that will provide security for their families. That school has been troubled by the same unreliable electrical grid, and our clubs are beginning to save up for an effort to provide solar power for the school as well. The \$ 1,000 ESRAG award will be

deposited into this fund.

Another project being considered for the future is purchasing a solar oven for the area, which would provide residents with another skill to learn (baking) and potentially offer a job path for some. This is an alternative possibility for utilising the ESRAG award.

For more information, please contact the [Rotary Club of Falmouth, Cape Cod](#)

[Nina – Finalist International Children’s Peace Prize 2025](#)

By Gert-Jan van Dommelen - End Plastic Soup



At just 17 years old, Indonesian youth activist Aeshnina (Nina) Azzahra Aqilani is demonstrating to the world that age is no barrier to making an impact.

Nina was named a finalist for the International Children’s Peace Prize 2025, a global award honoring young changemakers fighting for children’s rights and a better future.

From her hometown in East Java, Nina has led cleanups, youth education programs, and bold campaigns against waste colonialism, the toxic trade of waste from rich nations to the Global South.

We nominated Nina because of her significant achievements in combating plastic pollution worldwide and halting the export of plastic waste to Indonesia. The EU has agreed that the export of plastic waste outside the EU should cease as of January 1, 2027. Some countries will stop on July 1st, 2026. In November 2025, Nina, our Young Ambassador since 2020, became a finalist for the International Children’s Peace Prize 2025, which was awarded in Stockholm, Sweden.

This year’s finalists were **Aeshnina (Nina) from Indonesia**, **Bana from Syria**, and **Divyansh from the United States of America**. Bana from Syria won the prize.

[Every Meal is a Chance to Make a Difference](#)

By Joan Marie Gagnon

For Rotary club, Rotaract, and Interact members around the world, eating more plant-based meals isn’t just about staying healthy – it’s about protecting our planet and creating a circular economy: a system that reuses resources, reduces waste, and works in harmony with nature.



Currently, most of our food system operates in a linear fashion – take, use, and throw away. Industrial animal farming utilizes substantial amounts of land, energy, and water, and generates pollution and greenhouse gases.

Learn more with the wonderful resources listed at the bottom of this article, with short videos.

The Problem with the Current System

- **Land use:** Around 29% of Earth’s land is used for grazing animals or growing their feed, way more than what’s used to grow crops directly for people.
- **Climate impact:** The World Bank estimates that the global food system generates approximately one-third of all greenhouse gas emissions – around 16 billion tons annually – primarily from animal-based foods. New research suggests that this number is significantly higher than previously estimated.
- **Waste:** The **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** – one of the world’s biggest conservation organisations – reports that a considerable amount of food is wasted, much of it caused by the inefficiency of turning plants into animal feed and then animals into food.

In short, industrial animal farming consumes a significant amount, generates substantial waste, and produces pollution. That’s a linear system – and it’s not sustainable.

What a Circular Food System Looks Like

A circular economy keeps resources in a continuous cycle, allowing nature to thrive. It means:

- Cutting waste
- Recycling nutrients and water
- Restoring soil and forests
- Supporting local food systems

Plant-rich diets make this possible. When more people eat plants directly, we use far less land and water and reduce methane emissions from livestock.

Project Drawdown, a research organization focused on climate solutions, estimates that if just half the world adopted healthy, plant-rich diets, we could avoid **54–78 gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions** – one of the top ways to slow climate change!

Freed-up farmland could be used to grow diverse crops, be forested, or restored to wildlife habitats, thereby improving air quality, water quality, and biodiversity. The **World Bank** calls this one of the most affordable and powerful ways to help the planet – especially for developing countries.

And here’s another win: eating more plants helps prevent disease and could save **\$4.3 trillion** in health and climate costs by 2030.

Rotary’s Role: Service, Stewardship, Sustainability

Rotary’s values already support this kind of change:

- **Service & Health:** Promote diets that fight hunger and chronic disease.
- **Environmental Care:** Protecting Land, Water, and Biodiversity.
- **Sustainability:** Support small farmers, reduce food waste, and build stronger local economies.

What Rotary club, Rotaract, and Interact members can do:

- Host Food & Climate events or cooking demos
- Take the ESRAG 15-Day Plant Rich Challenge individually or in a group.
- Serve plant-based meals at meetings and fundraisers
- Start or support school/community gardens
- Partner with local farmers and policymakers to promote sustainable menus

What the Experts Say

- **World Bank:** “The agrifood system is a huge, untapped source of low-cost climate-change action.”

- **Project Drawdown:** “Plant-rich diets hold enormous potential for climate change mitigation.”
- **WWF:** “Halve the footprint of agricultural food systems by shifting to circular approaches.”

- 1 can (15 oz) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 oz) corn, drained
- 1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste

A Call to Action

Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact members can help rewrite the story of food. By consuming more plants, reducing waste, and restoring land, we can create circular food systems that nourish people and heal the planet.

Every plate counts. Every garden helps. Every Rotary club can lead.

🥘 Recipe: Easy Plant-Powered Chili

This hearty chili is packed with flavor, protein, and fiber – perfect for a quick meal after school, and/or a long day at work!

Ingredients (serves 4–6):

- 1 tablespoon olive oil or vegetable broth (for sautéing)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans, rinsed and drained

Directions:

1. In a large pot, sauté the onion and bell pepper until soft.
2. Add garlic, chili powder, and cumin; stir for 30 seconds.
3. Stir in beans, corn, and tomatoes. Bring to a simmer.
4. Cook uncovered for 15–20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Taste and season as needed.

Optional toppings: avocado slices, chopped cilantro, lime juice, or tortilla chips.

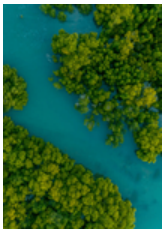
Fun fact: This plant-based chili produces far fewer greenhouse gases than beef chili — a delicious win for both people and the planet!

By Joan Marie Gagnon – Joan is an active Foxboro, MA, USA Rotary Club member and ESRAG's Plant-Rich Diet Task Force. She is passionate about whole foods and a plant-based lifestyle and co-founded Veg Your Way – Health At Any Age. She is a certified plant-based coach and ambassador through the Food Revolution Network. She holds a certificate in Plant-Based Nutrition from eCornell.

RECOMMENDED READING

[The Mangrove Breakthrough announced the launch of the Mangrove Finance Handbooks](#)

This new series of how-to guides provides financial institutions, microfinance organisations, and project developers with a clear and practical overview of the lending landscape for mangrove-positive and mangrove-adjacent businesses. The handbooks build on months of work and insights gathered from workshops in Colombia, the Philippines, and Senegal.



How-to Guide for Financial Institutions → [Click Here](#)

<https://www.mangrovebreakthrough.com/>

[How Technology Can Restore a Nature-Positive Planet](#)

Earth is already breaching negative tipping points, from collapsing coral reefs to escalating ocean impacts. With decarbonization far too slow, positive tipping points in technology, behaviour, and policy are essential. The tech sector, resource-intensive yet influential, must pursue nature-positive innovation to trigger cascading change, reduce risks, and restore ecosystems before thresholds become irreversible.

The World Economic Forum, along with Oliver Wyman, has launched a report warning that the growing nature footprint of tech threatens resilience, urging seven actions to reduce resource impacts and unlock nature-positive economic opportunities.

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Membership Information

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in:

- Planning and implementing impactful and environmentally sustainable service projects
- Educating and building awareness
- Building global and local networks
- Inspiring sustainable living/action

- Supporting Rotary International's environmental initiatives.

ESRAG inspires and empowers the Rotary family with extensive expertise, networks, education, and best practices to help implement sustainable and impactful environmental projects, informed by our six themes: Biodiversity, Climate Change, Food Systems, Pollution, Circular Economy, and Sustainable Living.

January Webinars and Events

By Caroline DeWitt on Tuesday, December 2, 2025

ESRAG is planning two webinars in January, designed to inform, empower, and energise ESRAG members and Rotarians committed to protecting our planet.

January 7th at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. EST/2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. UTC

January 14th at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. EST/2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. UTC

Your participation strengthens our collective impact.

All ESRAG members, Rotarians, and Rotaractors are warmly invited. Check this [link](#) for information about upcoming webinars and events

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