

Representing UVU Rotaract at a “Taking Action” Global Dialogue Event

On Wednesday August 21st, 2021, I had the opportunity to present Utah Valley University (UVU) Rotaract club at a “Taking Action” virtual event hosted by the UVU Office for Global Engagement, and was done in partnership with Orem Rotary. These “Taking Action” events include engaging in global dialogue, with a focus on the United Nations’ 17 Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs). This event focused on the 15th SDG, “Life on Land,” in honor of the International Earth Day.



Yana Andersen during the event

The panelists included Orem Rotary president Dean Robinson, current assistant Utah District governor Clark Merkley, and current UVU Rotaract advisor Baktybek Abdrisaev, and myself. Amy Barnett from the UVU Office for Global Engagement was the moderator, introducing each of the panelists, and providing insight.



Dean Robinson provided many worldwide examples of Rotary members contributing to their community's local environmental needs. He also presented images and data from our latest joint service project, a park clean-up and beautification project.



Dean Robertson speaks during the event

Following his remarks, Clark Merkley provided additional data regarding life on land and International Earth day. Baktybek Abdrisaev discussed this global agenda, and how UVU students and faculty contribute to this cause through UVU's student engaged learning model.

As president of UVU Rotaract, I was able to provide information for how UVU Rotaract utilizes SEL and partners with Orem Rotary to take action here in our local community, as well as on an international level. I highlighted our World Polio day event, service projects and fundraisers, and our contribution to the UN's 65th Commission on the Status of Women. UVU Rotaract expressed gratitude to Orem Rotary and the Office of Global Engagement for providing us the platform and resources to contribute to protecting life on land.

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