Global Program Overview

Creating the next generation of environmental stewards

The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is Johnson Control’s global philanthropy program that focuses on the company’s commitment to environmental stewardship, leadership development, and diversity. The program began in 2006 in Johnson Controls’ corporate headquarters city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since then, the program expanded to global locations including Mexico, Czech Republic, Germany and Slovakia. During the program, students developed leadership skills, a strong work ethic, and a personal sense of stewardship for the environment. Participants in the program completed projects that ranged from environmental education to conservation work in parks and natural areas.

Europe
Germany, Czech Republic & Slovakia
The program in Europe engaged international groups of youth participants, ages 16-26, in three-week overnight work camps during the summer. Projects involved hands-on conservation projects, leadership development activities and engagement with local communities.

Mexico
Saltillo, Mexico
The program in Mexico was called the Environmental Conservation Youth Brigades. Seventy-five high school students participated in volunteer conservation projects during five weeks in the summer.

United States
Milwaukee, Wisconsin & Detroit, Michigan
The program in the U.S. engaged urban, at-risk youth in summer employment opportunities that provided hands-on work experience and training to help them build leadership skills, develop a strong work ethic, and gain a personal sense of stewardship for the environment.

Program Impact
From 2006-2017, the program gave more than 5,000 youth worldwide the opportunity to perform more than 620,000 hours of service and education while gaining hands-on conservation experience.

Program Partners

Czech Republic
Germany
Mexico
Slovakia
United States

Thousands of feet of new nature trails have been created and repaired in local urban parks.

Mix clay, straw and sand to produce a clay plaster used to re-construct abandoned buildings.

Responsible for the nursing of cacti and desert life.