**Something for the weekend....Action #17: Sharing the load; show NO DIFFERENCE**

This weekend is the Southbourne Revival event. Reliant on volunteers, this is about community fun and enjoyment. It is not for them, it is for US ALL.

Community events are wonderful; it brings people together and helps tackle loneliness and isolation. But for the logistics to work, we all need to pull together, where we can - for the fun and the less desirable but necessary tasks that enable it to happen.

An increasing number of photos appear to be doing the rounds on social media, showing before and after pictures of events; some are horrifying and despairing, with a trashed, litter ridden site left behind. But others display an idyllic vision of NO DIFFERENCE before and after. The land is left as it were.

Sobo Wastebusters are unable to participate as much as we would like at Southbourne Revival; we are 5 individuals with busy lives, juggling work and other voluntary commitments with family and the like. We cannot be everywhere; but what we strive to do is impart knowledge, ideas and ambition to adapt all of our individual expectations, actions and attitudes when it comes to caring for our environment. To enable everyone to be a Wastebuster, in Southbourne and beyond.

So please, this weekend, whether you are going to Southbourne Revival or not; reduce, reuse, recycle. Prepare and participate by:

1. Taking your own resuable cup, straw, cutlery and container around with you, for any refreshments and food you might purchase.
2. Packing multiple bags in case you make any impromptu purchases.
3. Including a bag for taking any rubbish home with you; and a separate one for items that could be recycled.
4. Tackling litter you see on the floor, by picking up a minimum of 3 items and disposing of them responsibly.

Imagine how much waste could be saved through everyone embracing these 4 simple actions? Can the before and after pictures of Fishermans Walk show NO DIFFERENCE?

We should all assume responsibility for our environment. If that means extending this to others who refuse or are unable to, than we must; because ultimately, we will all suffer the same consequences. Waste impacts on climate. Climate impacts on us all. Linked is a shocking article about water shortage in Zimbabwe. Could this be our community one day?

Being angry or resentful does not change the situation; nor will ignoring the problem and assuming someone else will deal with it. But being proactive will.

Thanking you. Thanking us. Strive to do better; strive for change. For our planet.🙏

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