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Well, this has been an extremely busy period for the Environmental Safety Group. Many will be aware of the clean up the World weekend that saw close to 350 volunteers pick up rubbish and a further 400 people participate in a Green parade and exhibition which also met the goal of raising awareness of our environment, the need for better care and control and celebration of nature and our biodiversity.

The ESG, throughout the past few weeks was intensively networking with the community to ensure the weekends events and support reflected the growing commitment by residents of Gibraltar who want to see definitive changes and improvements in the management of our environment.

A full report on the weekend will be released soon and hopefully will be published in our local media. This report will also be sent to CUTW Australia who will incorporate Gibraltar's efforts in its global clean up report. We will, of course, keep you updated on any subsequent publications on this.

The ESG did not only tackle the clean up weekend. As previously advised we also hosted Denny Larson. GMC Director and leader of the Bucket Brigades worldwide as e stepped up our campaign to reduce Bay pollution from the massive industries across the border. Mr Larson accompanied MEP Neil Parish who has been lobbying on our behalf in Brussels on this issue and together spent around 8 hours conducting an inspection of the Refinery.

A full report was published on this in the media but please refer to our website <u>www.esg-gib.net</u> for more details. \Since the visit Mr. Larson has been asked to prepare a follow up report which mr parish will use to maintain pressure in Brussels. Mr Larson left the Rock today and the ESG and Bay Bucket Brigade and indeed La Plataforma who have all met with the expert over the week are extremely grateful to the input and direction he has been able to offer the environmental campaigns.

The ESG has been able to obtain the assistance of a number of experts from different international organisations who over the next few days have released news of a corporate campaign against the multi-national interests behind industries such as CEPSA in an effort to obtain acceleration in the cleaning up and modernisation of such antiquated plants.

Please listen out for our next newsletter that will carry a lot more news on this important topic.
