Working with the Local Community to Care for Shared Land

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Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) works with the local community to maintain the land ecosystems it shares with its neighbors: streets, green areas, tree plantings and public parks. The main partnership is with the Guzar mahalla in Tashkent's Uchtepa district, home to the University's Zakovat Street campus, where students and residents care for green spaces together on a regular basis. The University also joins national greening initiatives with government bodies and other universities.

Partnership with the Guzar mahalla

Since September 2025 the UzSWLU Eco Club has run a regular joint program with residents of the Guzar mahalla under the slogan "We will turn our neighborhood into a waste-free area." Students and residents clean streets, walkways and green areas, remove household waste and litter from open land, and water and care for the trees and ornamental seedlings of the neighborhood. Each visit includes conversations with residents on protecting the environment, keeping public spaces clean and disposing of waste in designated places. A total of 300 UzSWLU students and local young people took part in these activities in 2025.

The partnership also reaches the youngest residents. At a joint event in the mahalla, students and residents worked with neighborhood children on eco-seminars, nature drawing and herbaria made from leaves and flowers, and together collected plastic waste from the area. On 22 November 2025 the Eco Club and residents carried out a large-scale beautification of the neighborhood, accompanied by awareness talks on waste sorting.





Eco Club joint campaign with residents of Guzar mahalla, September 2025

Caring for urban wildlife in public parks

On 1 April 2025, International Bird Day, tutors and students of the Faculty of Translation held the outdoor session "Birds Are Our Friends" together with local young people at Gagarin Alley, a public park in Tashkent's Chilanzar district. Participants discussed caring for birds and nature in the city and how to avoid harming the birds that live in shared urban green spaces.

National greening partnerships

On 15 March 2025 UzSWLU, represented by Rector Ilxomjon Tuxtasinov, took part in the launch of the nationwide "Scholars' Garden" marathon under the "Green Space" (Yashil Makon) project. Initiated by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, the marathon brings together universities from all 14 regions of the country and regional authorities to create new gardens on public land, with more than 30,000 saplings planted on the launch day.





Launch of the nationwide "Scholars' Garden" marathon, 15 March 2025

Summary of 2025 collaboration

Date	Activity	Partners	Shared land
Since September 2025 (regular)	Cleaning streets, walkways and green areas; watering and caring for trees and seedlings; awareness talks on waste sorting	Residents and young people of the Guzar mahalla	Streets, green areas and tree plantings of the Guzar mahalla, Uchtepa district
2025	Eco-seminars, nature drawing, herbarium making and litter cleanup with neighborhood children	Guzar mahalla residents and children	Open land and green areas of the mahalla
22 November 2025	Large-scale beautification of the neighborhood	Guzar mahalla residents	Public spaces and green areas of the mahalla
1 April 2025	"Birds Are Our Friends" session on protecting urban birds	Local young people	Gagarin Alley, a public park in Chilanzar district
15 March 2025	Launch of the national "Scholars' Garden" afforestation marathon	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation; regional authorities; universities from 14 regions	Public land allocated for new gardens

Supporting evidence

- Eco Club campaign with Guzar mahalla residents: https://t.me/uzswlu_mmb/59209
- Eco-active students (Eco Club activities in the Guzar mahalla): https://uzswlu.uz/eco-active-students
- Eco Club event with Guzar mahalla residents and children: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17511076848829.pdf
- "Birds Are Our Friends," International Bird Day, 1 April 2025: https://t.me/uzswlu_mmb/22950
- "Scholars' Garden" marathon launch, 15 March 2025: https://uzswlu.uz/en/news/scholars-gardens-established-as-part-of-the-nationwide-green-space-project-1742195141