

Utah International Mountain Forum Engagement with Students on Sustainability Day



Interaction with students at UIMF table

On October 24, 2018, I had the opportunity to inform other students at Utah Valley University about Sustainability. Through Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University, mountain development is a major focus. In the clubs, such as Sustainable Development, Foreign Affairs, Rotaract, Cinematography, Russian/Slavic, Model UN, and History, student help advocate sustainable development through involvement in UIMF. For example, UIMF advocated mountain targets at the UN High Level Political Forum on sustainable development this past July. Students have been able to make a difference globally in

the work towards helping other mountainous regions outside the United States become more sustainable economically, politically, and socially.

I was able to let students at Utah Valley University know they could make a difference in the lives of the mountain communities around the globe by joining the UIMF. Interested students were able to provide us with an email so we can contact them with information which will allow them opportunities to make connections with influential companies, organizations, nations and individuals. Becoming involved, allows students to network and interact with other who share an interest in international relations, business, politics related to sustainable mountain development. Skills will be developed through engaging in community learning, event organizing, diplomatic and formal communications and inter-personal and inter-organizational planning which prepares students for future jobs.

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