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ABOUT

A dedicated Bachelor of Science student with a focus on environmental science and advocacy. He is recognized for his contributions to biodiversity conservation, including authoring a book and participating in international forums. With experience in various leadership roles, Erfan actively engages in research, educational outreach and public speaking, raising awareness on critical environmental issues. His commitment to sustainability and impactful communication has earned him several accolades, establishing him as a promising advocate in the field of environmental conservation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

COP16, Colombia
Oct/ Nov- 2024

Virtual Delegate

I listened to youth perspectives on climate change and invoved in summariseing Negotiatons with global leaders to advocate for Biodiversity solutions.

Plastic Oceans international
Sept 2024

Organiser of the first Trees & seas film festival in UAE

I organized the first globally recognized environmental action event in the UAE, bringing together over 50 participants from 3 universities, featuring 4 impactful films, 29 insightful talks, and 33 renowned speakers.

12th WEEC
February 2024

Conference Speaker

I shared insights on biodiversity, environmental advocacy, and sustainable practices, fostering engaging discussions and connections with like-minded individuals. .

COP 28
Dubai, UAE
Nov/ Dec 2023

Biodiversity advocacy & youth delegate

I showcased my work globally and advocated for biodiversity, including a video presentation at the Youth Hub. I spoke at four sessions on my journey regarding climate and biodiversity loss in the Green Zone and participated in two events in the Blue Zone.

ARN Radio Shoma 93.4
December 2023

Guest Speaker

I engaged in discussions with Mojtaba Hashemi on biodiversity loss, COP28 updates, and my personal journey in environmental conservation. We also explored the H.H. Sheikh Zayed Program for the Conservation of the Arabian Oryx and other sustainability projects in the UAE.

COY 18
Dubai, UAE
Nov 2023

Youth Delegate

Here I represented UAE youth and Advocated for Biodiversity and had a workshop on the biodiversity conservation journey of the UAE.

SAI International School
Odisa India
Nov 2023

Chief Speaker for SAITED Event

Delivered a STEM Thought Leaders' Talk to over 5,000 students on biodiversity-related themes titled "'Dinosaur Dilemma: Lessons from the Past for a Greener Tomorrow". My presentation aimed to inspire a deeper understanding of the natural world and emphasize the importance of conservation efforts.

20th ADIHEX
Abu Dhabi, UAE
Sept 2023

Delegate and Speaker

I presented a talk on Rewilding and sea turtles, covering topics from the evolution of life to successful conservation stories. Additionally, we developed a mind game called "Sustainable Sands," exploring the UAE's journey toward a sustainable future from human settlement to upcoming challenges and opportunities.

GETEX Exhibition -
Dubai UAE
April 2023/24

Key speaker at youth talks

In 2023, I partnered with Unipreneur.inc as discussing my work on rewilding the planet. In 2024, I spoke on "Bridging the Gap: How AI is Revolutionizing Biodiversity Conservation" and participated in a panel discussion on "Harnessing AI: Youth Pioneering Change for a Sustainable Future" alongside five other youth panelists.

GITEX Exhibition
Dubai, UAE
Oct 2023

Key speaker At Youth X

In this event I Spoke about myself and my initiatives and work with biodiversty, and thus inspirting and inviting youth to take part in biodiversity conservation at the largest youth conference in the world (YOUTHx)

TEDx Youth
Dubai, UAE
2021-2023

Speaker

In 2021, I was the first key speaker at TEDxYouth@TWSDubai, where I shared my journey as a young naturalist and discussed how the REWILD acronym can help save the world. By 2023, I became the lead organizer for the same TEDx event, recognized for my presentation skills and commitment to inspiring others.

The Westminster School
Dubai, UAE
2021-2023

Presentation of specimens (Art Exhibition)

Presenter and key speaker at Annual Art Exhibition (It's My World), Presenting my specimens of plants and animals and showing the importance of wildlife to us along with taking up to 5000 children up close to UAE's Wildlife

MEDIA FEATURES

AWARENOW
AWARENESS TIES™ OFFICIAL MAGAZINE FOR CAUSES

Khaleej Times

GULF NEWS

EXCEL
EDU MAGAZINE

World العربية

گویا
Bi Weekly Magazine

Dear Mother Earth | s3.1

Episode 3 - What is Rewilding? Ruhi Jajal ft. Erfa...

Medium

erfan | growing up wild | s2.6

ENCORE | Dear Mother Earth | s3.1

Kelsey Prediger | On The Pangolin | s4.2

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP ROLES

- **Founder of The Wildlife Focus** (2014 - Present)
- **Dr Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots**
  1. Member at UAE Root and Shoots (2014- Present)
  2. Speaker: "Biodiversity Under Threat" for the Jane Goodall Institute India (2024)
- **Youngo of United Nationals Convention on Climate change** (2023 - Present)
  1. Member and Podcast Cooridinator at Ocean's Voice Working Group
  2. Member of Action for Climate Empowerment working Group
  3. Membet at Animal Right Working Group
- **Member at Global Biodiversity Youth Network** (2023 - Present)
- **Member of Global Shapers of World Economic Forum** (2024 - Present)
- **Biodiversity Leader at Green Youth Majlis of Environmental Agency Abu Dhabi** (2023 - 2024)
- **Leader of Change at Emirates Nature WWF** (2021 - 2024)
- **Best Student Researcher at Heriot Watt University Dubai** (2021 - 2023)
- **Round Table Global - Change Ambassador** (2022 - Present)
- **EduCCate Global - Youth Ambassador** (2019 - 2022)
- **Beyond Bamboo - Youth Ambassador** (2023 - Present)
- **Tawazoun - Sustainability Ambassador** (2023 - Present)
- **Tree Ambassador at One Tree Planted** (2024 - Present)
- **Future Scientist at Gulf Medical University** (2023 - 2024)
- **Member of Gensea at EarthEcho International** (2023 - Present)
- **Member of the youth council at Reserva Youth-Land Trust** (2024 - Present)
- **Sustainability Champion at UAE Year if Sustainability** (2024 - Present)

EDUCATION

Monash University,
Clayton Campus
2025-2027

Bachelor of Science

Gems, The Westminster School
Dubai, UAE
2021-2024

- **IGCSE**
- **International As Level**
- **International A Level**

COURSES

UN CC: Learn

- **Climate Change: From Learning to Action**
- **Specialisation Module on Cities and Climate Change**
- **Climate Change Negotiations and Health**
- **An Introduction to Climate Change and Human Rights**
- **Specialisation Module on Children and Climate Change**
- **Building Climate Resilience through Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Planning**
- **Sustainable Diet**
- **Green Economy & Trade**

Natural History & Technology Museum
Shiraz, Iran

- **Preserving Natural Specimens: Plant Press preservation,Taxidermy, Wet Specimen Preservation & Entomology**

National Geographic

- **National Geographic Educator**

UNSSC

- **My sustainable Living Challenge**

Cambridge University	• **Climate change for Decision makers Course**
The Open University	• **Citizen science and global biodiversity** • **Neighbourhood nature** • **Fire ecology**
UNDP - Learning for Nature	• **Biodiversity Finance** • **Ecosystem Restoration** • **Communicating the Value of Biodiversity** • **Ecological connectivity for People and Planet** • **Applying resilience thinking to National Biodiversity Plans**
Arab Youth Council For Climate Change	• **Climate Change for All – A Climate Literacy Course**
Environmental Agency Abu Dhabi	• **Climate Change** • **Marine Vertebrates course under Biodiversity**

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Green Gala MUN** **2019**
- **Young Eco-Hero Award Finalist** **2021**
- **1st Place GMU MASE** **2021**
- **WeNaturalist People of Nature Award** **2021**

Young Achiever - storyteller with a purpose

- **Heriot Watt University Dubai** **2022 & 2023**

Best Student Researcher

- **Islamic Azad University, Fars Province** **2024**

Certificate of Appreciation for contribution to Research, Science and Knowledge

- **RTG - Global Youth Award** **2022**

Environmental Leadership Winner

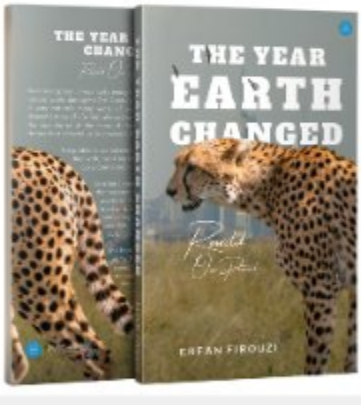
- **ARN Green Awards** **2023**

Junior Eco Champion The Road to COP28

- **Global Recognition Award** **2024**
- **Chegg.org Global Student Prize** **2024**

Top 50 FInalist (Shortlisted from 11,000 students from 176 countries)

BOOK



THE YEAR EARTH CHANGED

This Book explores the evolution of life on Earth, from single-celled organisms to today's diverse species, through the adventures of a young naturalist. His passion for the natural world inspires millions, especially the younger generation, to foster a positive relationship with nature. This inspiring story highlights the connections between all living things and emphasizes the importance of conservation and sustainability, offering a hopeful vision for a future where humans & nature coexist in harmony.

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PODCAST

Nature Talks- Hosted by Erfan Firouzi since 2018

Nature Talks is a thought-provoking and educational podcast dedicated to exploring the realms of nature, wildlife, conservation, and environmental sustainability. Initially started as an online class, later shifted to a detailed podcast with each episode bringing you insightful discussions, enthralling stories, and expert interviews that uncover the magic and importance of our planet's ecosystems.

SKILL

Personal

- Leadership & Initiative
- Creative Problem Solving
- Communication & Negotiation
- Adaptability & Lifelong Learning
- Time Management & Prioritization
- Innovation & Forward Thinking
- Storytelling

Professional

- Environmental Advocacy
- Research & Development
- Public Speaking & Presentation
- Event Organization
- Digital Media & Content Creation
- Networking & Teamwork
- Laboratory & Field Research
- Mentorship & Guidance

Language

- English (IELTS) - 8.0
- French (Pearson Edexcel) - 6
- Persian - Native

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Erfan Firouzi is a first Year Bachelor of Science student at Monash University with a distinguished profile in environmental science and biodiversity conservation. Recognized for his significant contributions, Firouzi has already achieved substantial milestones in his field, including the publication of a well-regarded research book, The Year Earth Changed, and his leadership in global educational and advocacy efforts. His commitment to environmental preservation and ability to address complex ecological issues set him apart as an influential young leader.

Firouzi's proactive engagement at prominent international forums, including COP28, COP16, TEDx, and COY18, has positioned him as a respected voice in biodiversity conservation. His roles, such as Youth Council Member at Reserva and former Leader of Change with Emirates Nature-WWF, exemplify his dedication and influence within the environmental advocacy community. Firouzi's work extends beyond conventional advocacy through various media, including documentaries, podcasts, and public speaking engagements, where he effectively translates complex scientific concepts into accessible, impactful messages that resonate with diverse audiences. His contributions have earned him accolades such as the Storyteller of the Year by WeNaturalist, Junior Eco Champion for COP28, and a place among the Top 50 Finalists in the Chegg.org Global Student Award. These honors underscore Firouzi's exceptional capacity to inspire global action and awareness around environmental issues. His Environmental Leadership Award from Round Table Global UK further validates his role as a key advocate for sustainable practices.

In addition to his public advocacy, Firouzi has demonstrated his commitment to environmental education through initiatives such as the donation of scientific collections of flora and fauna to Azad University, providing valuable resources for research and immersive learning. His strategic approach to conservation messaging—reflected in his collaborations with Dr. Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots programs and his acclaimed TEDx talk—has empowered others to take meaningful action for the planet. Firouzi's leadership is marked by collaborative efforts across numerous organizations and events, where his ability to mobilize and inspire different demographics is evident. His youthful energy, deep knowledge, and genuine passion for environmental sustainability make him a role model for aspiring environmentalists worldwide. As he continues to advance his work, Erfan Firouzi's influence is set to further inspire a global community committed to biodiversity conservation and environmental stewardship.