



Beach Cleaning Party: Clean, Connect, Celebrate

The Concept

Environmental action can be most effective when it is social, engaging, and enjoyable. The idea of the beach cleaning party combines volunteering with community and celebration, transforming environmental responsibility into a shared experience.

Rather than framing clean-ups as an obligation, this approach invites participation through connection, fun, and purpose, encouraging people to engage, interact, and return.

In this way, environmental action becomes both impactful and memorable, strengthening awareness, building community, and fostering a lasting connection between people and the places they help protect.

Skyros Island in Focus

On the island of Skyros, beach cleaning parties are coordinated by the Why Not NGO, in collaboration with the Skyros Project as a local partner and with support from the Municipality of Skyros.

Each mission brings together 30 to 100 volunteers, travelling from Athens and joining local residents and tourists, creating a diverse and active community.

Together, they clean coastal areas, remove waste, raise awareness about marine pollution, while strengthening the connection between people, the island and its environment.

These collaborations highlight how partnerships between organisations, local authorities and communities can amplify participation and environmental impact.

A face to the idea:



Christos Papatheodorou

At the center of this initiative is Christos Papatheodorou, founder of the Why Not NGO.

His approach redefines environmental action by turning it into an engaging and collective experience. Volunteering becomes not only a contribution to nature, but also an opportunity for people to connect, share, and actively participate.

By combining purpose with enjoyment, he encourages a form of engagement where people feel motivated to return and stay involved. He focuses on creating experiences that are inclusive, dynamic, and meaningful for participants.

His work highlights how leadership and creativity can transform simple actions into lasting impact, strengthening community participation and environmental responsibility.



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The Travelling Idea

Turning beach clean-ups into social, travel-based experiences can attract diverse participants, increase engagement, and build active communities around environmental action.

Takeaway



When action feels like a celebration, people join and impact grows.

