

## Marching for change



Hundreds of pupils and residents marched for a cleaner environment in Chatsworth and to celebrate the the 17th Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to be held in Durban this month. The Hindu Youth Network and pupils of Dawnridge Primary School participated in a float procession and a climate change youth programme at the school to educate residents on environmental issues on Saturday.

The 2011 COP17 float procession and climate youth programme were to send a strong message that young people are serious about climate change. The programme consisted of various activities such as essay, painting and drawing competitions, float building and graffiti walls as well as a float procession featuring nearly 300 young people and residents.

An energy-efficient light exchange programme and other educational events were part of the day's many activities.

Hindu Youth Network spokesperson Pragasen Pillay said the programme was aimed at teaching young kids about the environment and creating awareness about the organisation. Jivrisha Ramduth, left, joined in the activities.