
SAHARA ROOTS FOUNDATION

“Celebrating International Womens Day”!



Combining music and tree planting in honour of International Women's Day together with the students of the Joudour Sahara Music School.

International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. We were very happy to learn that Halim Sbaï of the *Joudour Sahara Music School* in M'hamid organised a musical event during the weekend of 13 & 14 March especially for the girls now joining the music lessons that are being given as an after-school activity. The Sahara-Roots team could not travel to Morocco (due to Corona) to join this happy event and so we were very pleased to receive photos and videos of this wonderful celebration for and by the girls! The idea of this celebration was to bring music and environment together: playing traditional music while planting trees. These photos were taken on the site where we have already been planting since 2016.





The Joudour Sahara Culture Centre, of which the music school is an important part, will be built on this site. The vision for this cultural centre is to help improve the quality of life for the local people with the aim to retain the interest of the new generations to work and stay in their community, by providing them with interesting local job opportunities, thereby preserving their traditions, heritage and culture as well as preserving the environment.

With a combination of the student's music, dance and planting, they have entwined their traditional culture and music with environmental activities during this celebration of International Women's Day, a big step forward towards the vision of the Joudour Sahara Culture Centre.

The Sahara-Roots Foundation
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