

Project Green Challenge Greenest



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My Speech

Hi, my name is Cvetanka Rizvanovic and I am participating in PGC 2019 a challenge that aims to promote environmental sustainability through teaching students to live a more conscious lifestyle. Outside of this challenge I've always been passionate about the environment. Issues regarding carbon emissions, ocean acidification, and organic farming mean a lot to me as these are aspects of climate justice. The effects of climate change are not distributed evenly across the globe. Communities with a high concentration of women or individuals of low socioeconomic status are statistically more exposed to the negative impacts than whiter and wealthier communities. The governmental structures and laws that enforce this harmful discriminatory human rights issue must change. In order to effectively innovate the ways in which industrial capitalism is organized, action must be taken to alter society's belief systems. We need to make connections in terms of the direct impact of environmental injustices to our own lives, families, and communities. This can be achieved through protests, petitions, and above all education. As an informed and passionate group of individuals, we can then aim to target the legal system directly. However, if social leaders fail to recognize their influence a movement towards progression will never be forged. This is why a dedication towards teaching easily attainable sustainable practices is vital to making a difference. Through the encouragement of the implementation of small lifestyle changes, people will begin to see positive local advancements within their personal communities, allowing them to experience their power. This type of foundation is required to create a cleaner planet as well as to instill a sense of confidence and power in marginalized groups that experience the majority of climate injustices. Empowering those who are most disadvantaged by this global concern is the first step to creating a unified and motivated society willing to stand up for their rights and fight climate injustice.

Video Link

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