

Questions:

1.- What environmental topics are you most passionate about?

Through all these years, I have been interested in the environmental topics, because I feel that one of my missions in this life is to contribute in the solution of the consequences generated by human activities. However, the main topics, or my favorite ones, are Climate Changing and Zero Waste.

I am passionate with climate changing, because I consider that if we would like to solve this issue, we must change our lifestyles, and that with just one action, we could decrease the consequences of climate changing, or even the phenomenon.

And Zero Waste, became one of my favorite ones, for the challenge that we did, since I realized that with a simple actions, that is the use of plastic or other materials, we contribute in the generation of great quantities of waste; so this motivated me to change the way I see the products, and know I am more conscious about my shopping and how I can separate or reduce my waste.

2.- What is the environmental focus you have selected?

I selected "Zero Waste", because I consider that if we solve the issues that are related to this topic, we would be able to reduce some of the causes of Climate Changing.

I consider this, because if we reduce our consumption of plastics and other articles, we would decrease the demand on these ones, so there won't be so much greenhouse gases emitted, and we will impact in the life of the other students/people.

3.- Why does your school need to improve in this area?

I decided to apply the methods of Zero Waste, because my university generates so much garbage in a day, for all the cafeterias it has, the new Starbucks they opened and for not separating rightly the residues. So I believe, that my university must improve in this area, because for all the garbage is being produced, we are increasing the environmental issues and their consequences.

Also, I think that my school needs to improve in this, because if the school makes a change, the students will be inspired in changing the way they live the life (focused

in the environmental aspect), and that would create a chain where all people will be inspired by others ones.

4.- Who would you need to work with or call on to make a change?

In order for change this, I can work with “Verde Anáhuac”, who is a program that, through events, activities and more, contributes in the awareness of the environmental issues and solutions.

With this program I could create a plan and propose them, in order for impacting in the students; also with their contacts of waste management, we could bring the necessary equipment, because with this first step, we are going to make a change in the other ones.

Furthermore, we could apply some methods or techniques, like using bottles and tupperware instead of plastic, and the reuse of plastic bottles for one or two days.

As we would like to make a change, all of us (Verde Anáhuac and the team) would be interested in working to solve this problem. Also I talked with Verde Anáhuac, in order to explain them the situation, and they told me that they agree to contribute in the solution of the extreme generation of waste.

5.- What are some specific recommendations for how this could improve?

Some of the recommendations are:

- Bringing to the school your own tupperware and bottles, for avoiding the use of plastics.
- Contacting waste management companies, for purchasing new trash cans, but with more specific details of which garbage can be thrown there; with this we would have a better management in the waste we produce.
- Posting through Instagram, some tips about this topic, in order for informing the other ones about the issues we are facing.

6.- Are there examples of schools, campuses, or localities that do this well?

Some schools have applied the method of separating the garbage in organic and inorganic; however, there aren't schools that apply the methods said in the last question. That's why we are so interested in applying this idea, because we would like to influence other schools to change the way they have managed the garbage.

7.- How can you use your skill sets to create this change?

First, I can organize a plan in order for following those steps and know in each phase what are the things we are going to do. Also, I can start contacting the companies for looking the way they can provide us the necessary cans.

As the team, has different skills, these are some of the activities we could do, in order for accomplishing this idea:

- Tomás: Organize the team and the different phases of the project, and contact the companies.
- Carlos: Write the letters of commitment and write the information we could share in the social media.
- Itzel: Design formats to use them on Instagram or another social media, and she also could help in the searching of the tips we want to share.
- Iker: Decide where are the best areas to put the cans, and establish quantities/data of the plastics that are used in the university.

Proposal:

Problem: The produce of great quantities of waste that are not being separated correctly. Also, the extremely use of plastics in the campus, since the majority of the food is provided with plastic dishes.

Plan of action:

1. Talk with Verde Anáhuac, all the details of the idea and how we would like to solve the issue.
2. Talk with the team of how we are going to organize our time.
3. Establish a plan in order for following it.
4. Make tests in order to know how is seen this issue in the students.
5. Talk with the chefs of the cafeterias.
6. Talk with the contact of the waste management.
7. Put the cans in strategic places.
8. Influence students to follow these new rules, using the social media.

Rationale:

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Solutions:

- Use of more specified cans: Would contribute to have a better management in the waste, and to recycle some materials.
- Use of social media: The tips we would like to share there, could influence in the life of the students.

- Use of your own tupperware and bottles: Will decrease the use of plastic, the demand of this product, and a change in the lifestyle of the student (to make it greener).

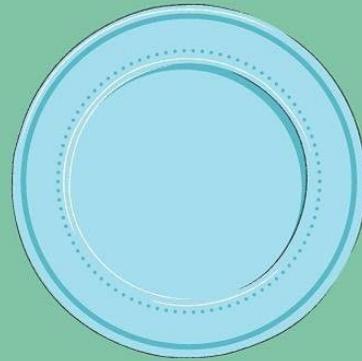
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Identified problematics:



- Lack of interest in Anahuac Mayab students about the zero waste lifestyle and consciousness.
- Excessive use of plastics in the cafeterias of the school. (bags, plates, cups, etc.)



The school and the cafeteria stalls contribute in a great scale of contamination by plastics.

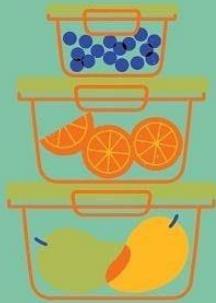
Proposals of solution



- Discard one-use plastics and replace them with a low use of bioplastic.



- Communicate through social networks the impact of plastics, the places in the world that are affected and how our proposal will mitigate the plastic footprint of the school.



- Encourage the use of tupperware to be served in the cafeteria.
- Replace plastic with conventional plates.

Why is this logic and useful?

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Verde Anahuac, the ecological student body of the university.
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ZERO
waste

Everything is about perspective, the change is possible if we all purpose it

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yaax_ajene GREENEST- DAY 20- PURPOSE. As part of the achievement of a better world, we identified the amount of plastic that is being used at Anahuac mayab university (Mérida, Yucatán, México). We are sure that with the support of our school association and ecological body, we can change what is traditional and replace it with a better and sustentable alternative.

The implementation of this project will not only affect the plastic waste of a single school, but also contribute for a better system of management and zero waste scholar environment over the rest of the institutions of the city.

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