

For a European Manifesto “Let’s Take Care of the Planet”

We, Europeans ages from 12 to 15, are gathered here in Brasilia with other youth inhabitants of the Earth coming from all the places in the world for the International Conference "Let’s take Care of the Planet”.

We, altogether, want to commit our responsibility to preserve environment, and will, at our level, contribute to:

1. Educate and raise people’s awareness on the effects of global warming, informing them about pollution and waste of resources.
2. Reduce air pollution, informing people about the impact of non-renewable energy sources, about new means of transportation.
3. Reduce water waste, reuse water, and mobilize people so that they change their behavior.
4. Protect living species, inform young people and adults about endangered and disappeared vegetal and animal species, and mobilize people change their behaviours.
5. Protect, preserve, and restaure biodiversity by preserving ecosystems and struggling against desertification.
6. Insist that big companies representing global economy not only take care of the Planet, but also encourage the youth to do so, by investing in educational projects.
7. Act with governmental and non governmental actors so that all try together to build a better world, and have a way of living that preserves the environment.
8. Call upon governments so that they create new and stricter environmental laws and diffuse information on the environment through education, media and social networks.

We can all contribute to change behavior, we can all act!
For that purpose, we will:

On our way of living:

- stop excessive consumption and buy what is really needed;
- promote positive aspects of behaviour change (consume less, walking-bus, re-learn to walk, take in fresh air,...);
- promote communication and raise awareness, insisting strongly on a positive tone and encouraging people to change their behaviour.

On energy:

- encourage our schools to use renewable energies;
- be sure that we do not leave the computer or other electronic domestic devices on standby position and ask others to turn off the light and use low energy light bulbs to save energy;
- have a "meatless day" in our school cafeteria.

On air:

- use and promote the use of public transportation and show the consequences of using our cars;
- whenever possible, walk or use our bikes and bike-sharing systems, carpooling.

On water:

- use biological detergents at home and at school;
- reuse rainwater for the toilets and watering plants (recuperators).

On earth:

- reduce consumption, waste, paper consumption, prefer no overpackaging of products
- encourage organic farming (organic fertilizers) to reduce the use of chemicals
- organize and participate in projects to plant trees (special days at school...)
- buy from local small producers rather than at supermarkets and create a list of local producers in our town or village

And to communicate and make our voice heard, we will:

- create communication tools at school or in a group and diffuse them widely (public conferences, meetings, demonstrations...);
- spread posters, make announcements on television, radio, etc.;
- insist on people's individual, collective and financial interest in changing their behaviours;
- write the authorities and all sign a letter with a video addressing a strong message (we are the future of our planet, concerned and committed...);
- pressure the governments so that they work united, as Europe has an important impact at the global political level, and demand our politicians, at our local level, to commit themselves more.

Going forward, we want to be united: raise people's consciousness, share our experiences, implement our actions and help the countries that need to be helped, regardless to borders. We also want to be fair: allow all to have the same resources and have access to knowledge. For that purpose, we commit ourselves to respect the environment to build a more fair and happy world!