Let's save the oceans! Call for young Mexicans and UN Mexico



A video created by Tec students for the **#ForOurOceans** campaign begins, "According to **Jacques Cousteau, water and land** - the two essential components on which life depends - have **become global trash cans**."

The United Nations Information Center in Mexico (<u>UNIC Mexico</u>) launched a call to participate in the campaign to the more than **370 students** at **15 Tec campuses** who were taking the digital "**Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability**" course.

These students made **80 videos** focused on the global issue, which included a **call to action for society**.

The winning video team, comprising **Diego Sánchez**, **Lorena Báez**, **Rachel Suzy**, **Rebeca Huicochea**, **Roberto Cuz**, **and Saraí Serrano**, was from the **Mexico City campus**.

(In Spanish):

https://youtu.be/4wtq9sxXupw

A multidisciplinary team made up of teachers and UNIC staff selected the above video, as well as those in second and third place. The winning videos have been screened in the Mexico City

subway and on UNIC Mexico's social media accounts.

"It's been a wonderful opportunity for students to see that **they can have an impact in the world**, that they can really help to raise awareness in society as a whole," stressed Luis Ricardo Fernández, one of the professors who teach the subject.

In addition to meeting the formal selection criteria, the winning videos were considered outstanding not only because they presented achievable solutions, but also because they "generated hope and inspired us," he emphasized.

Partnerships to help the planet

Luis Gerardo Rojas, who teaches the digital Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability course alongside Fernández, accepted the challenge from **UNIC Mexico** to involve Tec students in making the videos.

This collaboration with **UNIC Mexico** was based on shared objectives and focused on how to get young people involved.

"Plastic pollution doesn't end with a single project: we must continue looking for solutions that involve young people," said Mariana Castro, UNIC Mexico's National Information Officer.

It's through projects like this that the Tec seeks to **give its students both a voice and the tools necessary to make an impact**, along with its **Ruta Azul** Sustainability and Climate Change Plan for 2025, added Fernández.



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The best videos in terms of their message, creativity, and impact were given awards at a ceremony that took place on the Tec's Virtual Campus.

Two teams were awarded second place. One was from the **Monterrey campus**, comprising David Sepúlveda González, Jesús Guzmán, Luis Ochoa, and Natalia de la Garza.

The other was from the **Tampico campus** and was formed by Ero Alejandro Rodríguez, Joel Contreras, José Boeta, Luis Maury, and Pablo García.

Third place went to the **Laguna campus** team comprised of Kesniel Uribe, Fernanda Luna, Omar Ojeda, Sofía Gilio, and Ricardo Muñoz.

Participation in the #ForOurOceans challenge

Challenge participation data:

- 373 students from 15 campuses participated. The represented campuses were Querétaro, San Luis Potosí, Tampico, Mexico City, State of Mexico, Santa Fe, Laguna, Monterrey, Saltillo, Aguascalientes, Chihuahua, Guadalajara, León, Morelia, and Sonora Norte.
- 10 professors of the digital "Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability" class: Luis Fernández, Luis Gerardo Rojas, Camino Aparicio, Marco Antonio Ramírez, Mónica Velázquez, Miriam Nazario, Roberto Carlos Garnica, Paola Thompson, Mario Hernández, and Selene Vergara.
- **Digital experience and educational projects directors:** Rebeca Alvarado and Blanca Benavente.
- Digital academic experiences coordinator: Ángeles Aguirre
- Technological support: Diego Perales
- **UNIC representatives:** Mariana Castro, National Information Officer, and Antonio Nieto, Communications Assistant.

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