

TITLE. Heal the World Event 2021, an opportunity to reflect on our planet's future!

Title of the course of reference: Introducing environmental education into ELT and developing materials

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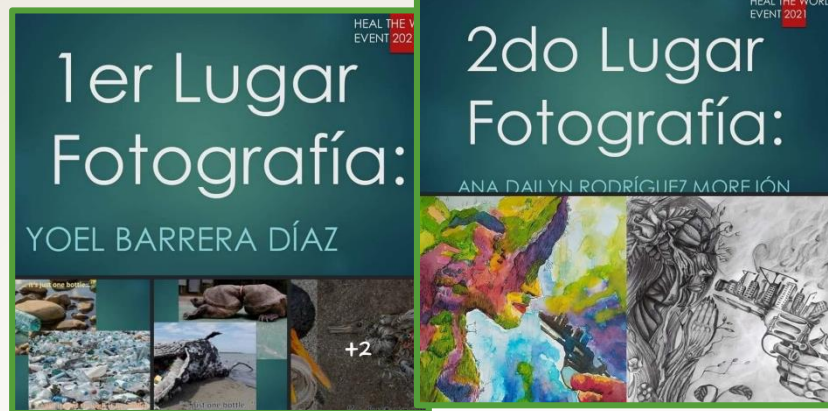
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BENEFICIARIES: Students of the career

TYPE OF CASCADING ACTIVITY : Contest



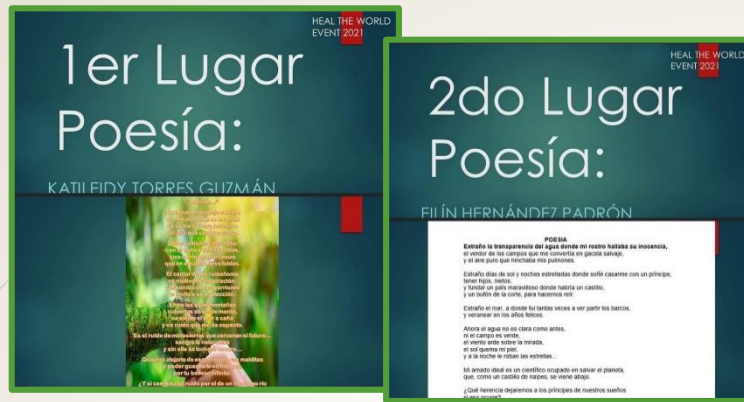
Main concepts or ideas/ most debatable concepts or ideas:

- Climate Change. How it is faced by underdeveloped countries. Main actions carried out by Cuban government to face it.
- Global Warming. Main causes, effects and possible solutions.
- Pollution. Contamination of the seas and rivers.
- Greenhouse effect. Its origin. Main causes, effects and some ways to fight it.
- Flood and drought as threatening natural phenomena.
- “Human change and not climate change” as a conscious way of thinking in today’s society.



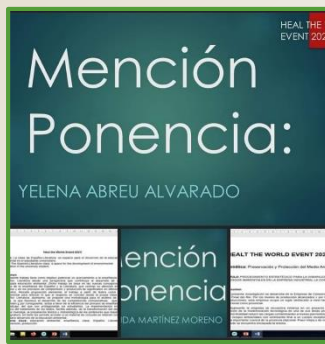
Most highly accepted concepts or ideas:

- Climate Change. Actions to reduce its effects on our country.
- The importance of Global Warming as a real environmental issue.
- “Human change and not climate change” as a conscious way of thinking in today’s society.



Changes perceived in teachers' thinking and practice:

- The importance of understanding the relevance of environmental problems nowadays.
- The importance of socializing information about these issues.
- The teachers' roll when encouraging students to go deeper on this theme and give solutions to avoid its effects.
- The teachers' attitude toward the relevance of protecting our planet.



Changes perceived in students' learning:

- They feel more identified with the topic and motivated to participate actively in the development of actions in their school and communities.
- They are more talkative at the time of expressing orally ideas about environmental problems.
- Self-learning has been improved through the contest and motivational tasks.
- They are aware of the importance of protecting our planet .

Some opinions from local participants:

- Teachers feel they have more means for teaching
- Students feel they are much more prepared about the topic

What is coming next?

- A brand new “Heal the World event 2022” for both, teachers and learners
- Training course “Introducing environmental education into English Language Teaching and developing materials” for third and fourth-year students from Foreign Languages career at University of Pinar del Rio.
- Talks with colleagues to share experiences and encourage people to diffuse ideas about the environmental topics.

