

Montessori Adolescent Summit on Interdependence, Animals Children's Eternal Forest, Costa Rica, May 2017

Well being, happiness, biodiversity, conservation, peace. These are some of the concepts upon reflection during our Summit in Costa Rica. Awe, surprise, inquiry, engagement were our reactions. We found ourselves overwhelmed by nature's power and in a state of wonder we started walking through the trails. Slowly the rain forest unveiled to us, and the more we walked the more we could see, the more we understood, but also more and more questions formed in our minds. Some answers were easily found in books, others were given by the great team of specialists working with us, but the big questions needed more time to answer. Discussions, seminars, and conversations helped us reflect and express our ideas, listening to others made the job easier but still some important questions remain.

Back home, we have happily discovered that the conversation keeps on going with others and with ourselves, opening a door to keep working, researching, exploring, and sharing our experience to inspire others to start shifting as David Suzuki writes in his declaration of interdependence "From dominance to partnership; from fragmentation to connection; from insecurity, to interdependence."

We live in a world full of beauty and a vast diversity of living things and natural resources. We have learned that we are not alone and that we must respect all species and their environments. Humans should be the "keepers" and guardians of this diversity, and to do so we need to keep studying the natural world, we should understand interdependence and the connections between the living and non-living resources in order to protect them.

Teaching and sharing with others the profound connections in our natural world will create entire communities of keepers and a culture for conservation. This will transform the way we understand the use of resources and our role as a part of a whole and not as owners of the earth. We believe that ours is the responsibility to talk and practice conservation activities that will create a spirit of awareness. In time, when this spirit comes it is important that the necessary tools of knowledge and understanding are available for every person that wants to participate in conservationists activities.

We believe that starting small and local can be the key for this inspiration to take place, the areas where we live even in the cities offer a great opportunity for everyone to begin a culture of conservation, and become nature's guardians of these places researching and registering the species that live there and sharing this information with neighbors. People working together create the perfect environment for better practices, for shared efforts that sum up for bigger results and for the construction of peace around us.

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-David Suzuki

As mass media fills our lives with bad news about the condition of our planet we grow numb to these messages and scroll down on our mobiles feeling powerless and wanting to find something better to watch or hear. This sense of hopelessness creates a kind of paralysis in which people talk about the inevitable extinction of this or that species and very few take real action. It is time to wake up from this numbness, it is time to take it personal, it is time to do real research, it is time to engage in a project no

matter how small it is, it will soon do a great job, It is time to work. Mexico as Costa Rica is a place of great diversity, and much work can be done, right outside our school in Mexico City, as well as in the rainforest in Chiapas. Our project has begun: From local to national to global From The birds around school to the recovering of the biological corridor of the Jaguar. This is The Dream of The Jaguar.

"We are a Single organism, One Nation"

-Maria Montessori