

There Is Still Someone Worried About the Future

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I studied abroad in Kalamazoo College, Michigan. Little did I know before going there that this experience was going to be so useful at all levels. But apart from the emotional link that I have with the college, I was surprised to see how students get so involved in all kind of activities, from organizations that care about the rights of small communities until organizations which organize themselves in order to transmit the rest of the students their concerned about the human health.

One of the most important events I saw taking place last year was the demonstration against the reuse of plastic bottles. It was a massive demonstration – according to the size of the college – involving people sleeping in the middle of the main building just to prove how serious they were about their concern. I had never thought about this as a huge issue; in fact, I did not even know that there was something wrong about drinking from an used plastic bottle.

The main reason why this is such a big issue is that, according to the Environment California Research & Policy Center, the repeated re-use of plastic bottles increases the chance of chemicals leaking out of the tiny cracks and crevices that develop over time and getting into our lungs. Sometimes the re-use of these bottles can lead into non-severe poisonings but studies have proven that there is a direct link between the plastic bottles and the DEHP another probable human carcinogen.

This environmentalist organization decided to start a campaign so everyone was aware of the serious consequences of a bad use of plastic bottles. By the end of the year, all my classmates and professors were drinking from metal bottles.

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