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WHERE IS GRETA THUNBERG?

by Clémentine Acquitter and Sterenn Chauvin

Greta Thunberg is this teenager who fights against climate change at only 16 years old. She's a role model for all the activists in a lot of countries and she stands up against governments.

Greta Thunberg is a 16 year-old Swedish activist for climate change. In 2018, she protested against global warming in front of The Swedish Parliament. She held up a sign saying « School strike for the climate ». Together, they organised a school climate strike movement under the name Fridays For Future. After that, Thunberg addressed the 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference and student strikes took place every week somewhere in the world. Some media have described her impact on the world stage as the "Greta Thunberg effect".

Since late August, she's been on a tour in North America, attending rallies, meeting with world leaders, and speaking at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York City. But she has a problem, she needs help to get back to Sweden. She refuses to travel on fuel-guzzling planes but the 60ft racing boat she travelled on is already back in Europe, so she doesn't know how to get back home. Because of that, a lot of people made fun of her. Some also say that her carbon footprint isn't perfect because two crewmembers had to fly across the Atlantic to New York to bring the boat back, and two of the crewmembers that made the original voyage had to fly across the Atlantic from the US to return home. They think she only wants attention while others think there's nothing wrong with flying and rubbed their opinions in her face.

In spite of that, many people support and encourage her. Last week, Leonardo DiCaprio posted a picture of them and said « Greta Thunberg has become a leader of our time ».

EDITORIAL

Happy New Year to all our readers and to everyone in particular

We wish you all the best

A new year is usually an opportunity to take resolutions. Here, at the Laennec Times, we don't have many. We just want change...



and every little helps

Greta Thunberg in Los Angeles the 1st november 2019.



Source : voanews.com

Fires destroy the Amazon rainforest
by Axelle and Jade

Since January 2019, a lot of fires have been destroying more than 906,000 hectares of forest.

It is an important fire in our biggest tropical forest that is touching South America particularly Brazil. It began in January and in August it was still devastating the forest. These fires have propagated for 8 months. The fires broke out 131 indigenous reserves. There are around 75,000 fires in Brazil among which 40,000 are located in the Amazonian forest because of the deforestation. The government decides to burn the forest to create industrial activities, get minerals, open roads and colonise this area.

*We can see the propagation of the fires in the different countries.
(Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru)*



In this situation, everybody is inhaled because 20 % of the freshwater comes from this forest. Consequently, a dark smoke pollutes all the city of Sao Paulo and a lot of carbon dioxide is emitted. So, the environment is polluted and is becoming unbreathable.

To conclude, the Amazonian rainforest is an essential resource for the world. Nevertheless, we must protect it so that it doesn't disappear.

Donald Trump and the environment

by Lohann, Maxime and Gael

Since he was president, he has stopped 76 laws for climate.

There are a lot of people who don't agree with Donald trump and a lot of protest is going on.

Today in this article, we will talk about Donald trump and the environment.

To begin with his tweets, Donald Trump has posted a lot of arrogant tweets everyday since 2012. Today we will work on tweets who speak about the environment. He said "we can use global warming to be protected from the cold"

Trump exit of contract of Paris because he said the warming is caused by the Chinese, which contradicts the specialist of the environment



HEAL THE WORLD

by TOLLEC Sarah

Because of global warming, many species and many animals are endangered. Humans destroy our planet every day, but it's the animals which suffer.

Why do humans destroy their planet ?

Hundreds of thousands of people demonstrate around the world to make others understand, that global warming isn't a good thing for the planet and for us. They demonstrate in order to protect the animals and the humans. Australia, The United States, South Korea, Germany, Philippines... Their people all protest against this cause. For example, in Berlin, on the 20th of September, many young people were united and have demonstrated to alert their State.

What can we do to save our planet ?

We can do an energetic transition to use the green energy. It's a renewable energy. It doesn't generate CO2 so it pollutes less the planet. But there are some cons because if there isn't wind, there isn't wind production. If there isn't sun, there isn't photovoltaic production. They can privilege public transport rather than the car. We should favor local productions and recycle rare materials. We can change our comportment to make less waste.

My Canadian Experience

by Charlotte Gétin

Hi, My name is Charlotte. I'm 15 years old and I went on an exchange in Canada for 3 months.

I was in Stratford in Ontario. Stratford is a small city with 31,465 inhabitants. Stratford is the city of theater :You have a lot of Festivals in the summer.

I went to SSES (Stratford secondary and Elementary School) , I was in Grade 10. My subjects were Music, Career, Technology and Food. The schedules were from 9 am to 3 pm. The school system in Canada is different. The Canadian system is simpler and the

students have more liberty. I was in a host family. My exchange partner is Charlise. She has 2 dogs (Lexi and Fergus). She plays soccer. She is very nice and funny. We have a really good relationship. Charlise is coming to France from February 6 to April 29.

During my trip, I did a lot of different things. I visited Toronto, The Niagara Falls. I went to Canada Wonderland a theme park. It was really pretty and fun. Also I visited a lot of small cities around Stratford. At the week-end, I was often with friends and the family. I was in Canada for Thanksgiving and Halloween, it was interesting to discover all these celebrations.

It was a really good experience. I made a lot of friends and met a lot of people. I improved my English and discovered a new country. I recommend this exchange because I learned a lot and I became more independent and made a lot of great memories.

Cutting a tree is breathless

by Emily Barnes

The forest is the lung of the earth, keep breathing!

In 10 years, 13 hectares of forest have disappeared and every year, 6 billion hectares of tropical forest are destroyed .

Wood is a very important resource for Human beings.

The « Lungs of the planet » or Amazonia, is being destroyed because it supplies palm oil for Nutella for example.

The exploitation of this forest is not the only reason for deforestation. There are many reasons for global warming like

ICE MELTING

by Jeanne, Louanne A, Louanne D

In the Antartic, ice melting has sped up 6 times faster since 1980 and it is still increasing! The water level has gone up 2 centimeters since 1979. From 2009 to 2017, ice field has lost 252 gigatons of ice per year.

The primary cause of this phenomenon is ice-albedo feedback, whereby melting ice uncovers darker land or ocean beneath, which then absorbs more sunlight, causing more heating. Everyday people pollute because they use their car, they buy package food... even though they can take their bikes or they can recycle. The planes pollute much too! People suffer

What is happening in French cantines ?

by Romy, Maïna and Nora

One vegetarian meal is now obligatory in France, in every school, every week.

This is good news for animal lovers. Last month, a law was voted about vegetarian food in schools. This experiment must and will last 2 years minimum. Maybe, it will reduce meat waste. The idea of doing this comes from associations like Greenpeace. We interviewed the kitchen manager at

fires and attacks of parasites.

Deforestation prevents the purification of the air (carbon dioxide and oxygen rejection).

To act against all this, instead of using google search, we can use Ecosia as this site promises to plant a tree for each search on the internet.

We should eat less Nutella and replace it with harmless products, meaning products that don't damage the earth.



from climate change, but animals too and many species disappear, for example pandas or polar bears. The situation of the climate is more and more serious because of this deterioration.



Laennec High School, Mr. Barreau, and he said "it is a good idea but it costs a lot of money because vegetables are very expensive".

The children think it is a constructive idea both for their health and the planet. We asked our classmates about their opinion on vegetarian food. 57% of them find it interesting whereas 43% believe it doesn't have a great taste. Yet nowadays, people are used to eating a lot of meat. But did you know that you need 15,000 liters of water to get 1kg of meat!

It is incredible how polluting this is! And lots of people don't know that. We must change our diet.