



University volunteering is the seed for an eco-friendly future

LOCATION: Almería

LENGTH: 1'40"

SUMMARY: Students from the University of Almería have become environmental volunteers in order to help improve their surroundings. They accomplish this during various workshops, such as "Take Flight," in which they construct nests for migratory birds. In addition to being familiar with the fauna on campus, they are directly involved with bettering the environment. This is a workshop from the Ecocampus project of the Environmental Office of the Andalusian Government.

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BACKGROUND: "Well, what we are going to make are nests for swallows and house martins."

The whole campus has been transformed into a place of welcome for migratory birds. This is one of the initiatives of the University of Almería's Ecocampus project. Through this workshop, student volunteers learn to build nests in order to place them in a score of university installations.

MOISÉS PALMERO
Ecocampus coordinator

"In this way we are ensuring that the students are aware of the diverse fauna on their campus, that oftentimes we come here to walk or study and we do not realize, but we are surrounded by nature, and in this way we become conscious participants in the environment in which they live."

This campus acts as a passage each spring for swallows, house martins and swifts during their migration to the south of Spain.

EUGENIA BERENGUEL
Environmental Volunteer

"The majority of the negative consequences that are produced in the environment and all of the changes that exist are principally our fault, and I think empathy is very necessary in that aspect."

DANIEL REQUENA
Environmental Volunteer

"The fact that this activity serves to help the birds, the swallows and house martins, well to me it seems like a very good idea."

The Andalusian Environmental Office's Ecocampus project plants the seed of environmental awareness in students with the hope that it will continue to grow after they finish their studies.

María Montero
Environmental Volunteer

"I have always considered it very important that young people participate in ecological projects. I think it is important that we intend to improve the current situation."

So, with wood and cement, the students build the nests as their respect for the environment grows, nourishing the hope that the future of the planet will also depend on hands as adept as these.

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