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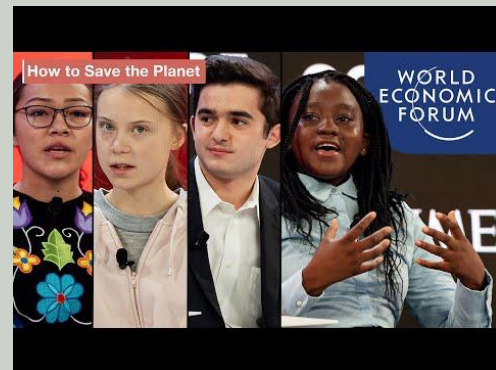


At Davos 4 strong & confident activist take the stage at the World Economic Forum for a climate crisis

This was an inspiring moment for the world in Davos, Switzerland.

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Today our story is about 2 of the many youth protesting for climate action and so much more. The 2 children at focus are Salvador Gómez-Colón and Autumn Peltier. These 2 are fighting so much and were both on the World Economic Forum with Greta Thunberg and Natasha Mwansa. This took place on Jan 21, 2020. They were talking about world leaders and governments that need to take action. They are all amazing examples for all of us especially politicians which I will dive more deeply into. But most importantly these kids and youth are doing this because the world leaders need to step up and fix the world. They both said that human life is and will be affected. They also both think that the countries need to cooperate and work together for a common goal. This is not the 2 panellists but Greta mentioned the Paris agreement which was a really important date because the world made an agreement on that date. 420 gigatons of carbon have been emitted there was to be a 67% chance of keeping the increase in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees. Thunberg said that was now down to 340 gigatons.



The video of the WEF in Davos, Switzerland

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One of the panelists is actually from Canada who is Autumn Peltier. She is Anishinaabe and a member of the Wikwemikong First Nation and internationally recognized as a fighter for clean water. Autumn addressed world leaders at the UN General Assembly. What she said in the World Economic Forum was that the world leaders need to be better and more helpful. She also said that she doesn't want any rewards but wants help and change. She really thinks that people see and hear what young people are saying, but not actually changing for the better. "I don't want your awards if you are going to award me, award me with your help," said Autumn, she also said "When it comes to federal government, it's really hard to get their attention because, honestly, they're all just focused on money. We need to be more focused on the actual things going on,



Our other speaker is from San Juan, Puerto Rico, his name is Salvador Gómez-Colón. He is fighting for climate action but also wants to help people where he lives. Salvador Gómez-Colón is a strong believer that his young age will not limit the positive impact that he can have on the world. As a climate activist and youth-voice amplifier, he shares a vision of hope for a more sustainable, and inclusive future where young people have a seat at the table. He talked a bit less in it but still had powerful things to say. He really thinks we have hope but not a good system, this means that we do have hope if we change our system and make it better. A quote of his from the World Economic Forum is "I've staked the claim that leaders around the world must be more active in seeking out youth perspectives. The fact that WEF invited us, 4 teenage changemakers, to the Annual Meeting this year shows that the tide is shifting. Youth perspectives are being heard to higher degrees, and our vision for the future is resonating. As such, I find it very important that youth around the world who want to take action are encouraged to do so, as well as get the opportunities and tools to develop their ideas,". He is saying tools as in maybe social media to spread the word or some different education.

I thought it was a good idea to have a kids say on this so we actually found a grade 6 class that watched the video the same day it came out, this is what one student Ahmed had to say. " I really think we can if everyone does their part we can fix the world and make it better. Also, world leaders are starting to realize these young kids" Another person is Devin and here is what he had to say " It was really inspiring to see young people like me standing up and helping the world." These were both really good takes on it. thank you to Richland academy for that different perspective.