



Day 3

Ecuador

LEARNING HOW TO RECYCLE

Children teaching children how to make paper

These children have learnt how to make recycled paper and will be giving a workshop this week, passing on their knowledge to younger children.

“It is important to give the kids some responsibility and make them feel important.”, explains the project leader, Karina Garcés.



Making recycled paper

To make recycled paper we use:

- used paper from the office or the school or newspapers
- absorbent cloth
- metallic grid
- dough roller
- plastic containers
- blender



First we tear the paper into small pieces and then we put it in the blender with water to make it mouldable. Afterwards we place it in containers of water. Normally you would use glue to make the mixture sticks together, but we produce chemical-free paper. Therefore we use a different technique.

Now we let it rest in the water for a while. When it has the right texture, we put it onto the metallic grids. Using the dough roller we press the mixture to get rid of the excess of water. Then we let the paper dry on the absorbent cloth.





Fabian Eck and Sophie Burger, volunteers from Germany did a two month workshop with the kids, aged 7-14 years, as part of their summer program.

During these two months Sophie and Fabian showed the kids how to make paper with different textures and colors. They had handy craft sessions to teach them how to make cards, folders, and frames.

Sadly enough, their time in Ecuador is over and they are going back to their country.



These kids are from the primary school "República del Uruguay". What you can see on the picture is their final presentation where they showed their decorated recycled paper to their parents.



Here you can see Rosalia Jurado, 9 years old, painting a greeting card.