

Tackling Plastic Waste in Honduras



Laura Palmese Hernandez of Honduras

Laura Palmese Hernandez wins Climate Justice Award

Former Irish President Mary Robinson presented Honduran attorney Laura Palmese Hernandez with a 2018 Climate Justice Award at the One Young World Summit in The Hague in October. The Climate Justice Award is presented to a young leader pioneering an innovative and impactful climate justice initiative that seeks to preserve the earth for future generations.

Laura's award-winning project, "Waste to Opportunity," empowers informal recyclers in municipal dumps around the Bay of Honduras. Laura seeks to organize workers, promote labor safety, and provide seed funds for innovative waste management. She hopes to enhance the wellbeing and quality of life for waste pickers, while also enhancing recycling and waste management efforts.

Laura has worked with ELAW for many years to protect coastlines in Roatán and the Bay Islands. She works as a legal advisor to the Bay Islands Technical Committee, the Bay Islands Tourism Bureau, and the Roatán Reef Guardians. She is an expert on waste management and legislation in Honduras and is a member of the drafting group on a new National Waste Management Law and Policy. Laura has organized events and workshops in Roatán on waste management practices for teachers, students, and community leaders.

Congratulations Laura!



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