Winner of the 2016 Davis Projects for Peace Award

Brontë Velez

Brontë Velez’s project, SeluSemilla, will center around creating a collection of plantable books (biodegradable in design, which will sprout into endangered trees) written, conceived, and cultivated by Ecuadorean indigenous counterparts working with the Pachaysana organization. This will serve not only as an act of reforestation but simultaneously a replanting of ancestral knowledge and wisdom to reinsert oppressed voices into the economy of language, and to remember that environmental justice must inherently include human rights as a part of its struggle for all systemic oppression derives from the same source and attacks intersectionally.

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