MEET: WOMEN WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

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The Women Who Will Change the World is a group of STF Scholars in Peru. They meet weekly with mentor Indira and the group includes: Illary, Fabiola, Nina, Kusi Sami, Mildred, Flor, & Flavia.
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WHY IS THIS THE NAME OF YOUR GIRLS' GROUP?
We are inspired to promote and achieve changes that will transform the world. We have different ideas to do this, like doing a social awareness campaign about environmental contamination. Women has to be in plural, because it refers to group work, where each person is a key part of it and that makes us strong and motivates us to work for our group.

WHAT SKILLS OR TOPICS DOES YOUR GIRLS’ GROUP TALK ABOUT?
We are concerned about environmental contamination, especially the use of plastics and plastic bottles. Politics is another subject since mayoral elections are coming up, and we see a lot of movement around Pisac [our town], like political meetings at the plaza, propaganda, and demonstrations. We are curious about who will be the next mayor of our community.

WHAT KIND OF CAREERS ARE THE GIRLS IN YOUR GROUP INTERESTED IN HAVING AFTER GRADUATION?
Most of us would like to study in a university so we can work to fulfill our dreams: Flor is discovering what she’d like to be, Kusi would like to be a pediatrician, Mildred wants to be a tour guide, Nina would like to work in social labor, Illari would like to be a scientist and a writer, and Fabiola would like to be a vet. In order to study, we may have to work in case our parents cannot support us.

WHO IS A WOMAN YOU ALL ADMIRE, & WHY?
We all admire women like Micaela Bastidas, Joan of Arc, Clorinda Matto de Turner but our unanimous answer is: Sara Franco, professor from kindergarten in the Kusi Kawsay School, because of the patience and the love that she demonstrates towards children.

WHAT DO YOUR GOALS LOOK LIKE FOR YOUR GROUP THIS COMING YEAR? HOW ARE YOU WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
We want to work in environmental contamination and we want to do different things: We are making posters and leaflets that say “no more contamination,” putting garbage cans along Pisac, promoting the use of paper or fabric bags, talking to the radio & making Facebook ads so people in Pisac can be reached by different ways.

WHICH SOCIAL ISSUE DO YOU CARE MOST ABOUT AND WHY?
We are working on environmental contamination because this brings a lot of consequences at the planet level like: global warming, death of the animals, bees’ disappearance, water contamination, smoke of the cars, etc. This is why we would like to do a social awareness campaign on this issue and we will work as a group.