

## Xiuhtezcatl Martinez speech



### Script:

Hey, my name's Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, and I'm a 13-.....-old, indigenous, ..... activist and ..... I am the youth director of my ..... Earth Guardians, and I'm ..... to protect the Earth, the Air, the Water, and the Atmosphere so that my ..... and those to follow will inherit a ..... , safe, ..... planet. I feel like our climate and environmental ..... is one of the biggest ..... that we have ever ..... And once I started educating myself about it, I realized that all these ..... that I'm seeing are going to be ..... to my generation, so I ..... do something about it. ..... the ..... that it has on communities, on families and on young people ..... , especially in ..... countries. So when I saw all these problems, I saw all the ..... , I saw all the ..... , it really empowered me to take action in my local ..... and I knew that I could make a difference if I ..... my voice. ..... I started working with my county commissioners, my city council, and we got ..... pesticide out of our parks, we got a fee on ..... bags, we're working on a ..... ban on fracking, and it's ..... to see the power that young people have as ..... , and so we wanted to spread that change to other schools to other places in Colorado, to other parts of the world. We ..... that education was such an ..... part of what we do, of who we are, so ever ..... then I've been taking this ..... and educating young people, educating peers and college groups all over the world. And now we have Earth Guardian Crews on ..... We just launched our Protect our Future campaign, and we had youth ..... planting thousands of trees ..... in their community. And it's incredible to see the movement on the rise, because in the light of a collapsing world, our generation is coming together and changing the fundamental ..... of our entire society. And I think the most beautiful thing is it comes from within. ..... we must make peace with ourselves, ..... make peace with our families and our communities, and from there we can take it and ..... it with the rest of the world.

