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## **Energy**

Today's challenge is to imagine. How would the world be, if all campuses, cities or even countries aspired to be carbon free? As we see in our everyday life, carbon is used in a lot of things we use and have in our daily lives. Thankfully, people already started to notice the impact that our lifestyle has on the planet, and already started looking for different solutions of what can we, as people, do to help our planet to be a healthier place, a more suitable place to live, for a life, family, children, etc. Watching Tshering Tobgay's video was truly inspiring, since Bhutan has a very different vision of how control their state and territory. GrossNationalHappiness is more important for the state rather than the GrossNationalProduct, this is because Bhutan is aware that they are little, but they are not interested to grow economically like the US or a lot of European countries. That is why they continue to be a carbon free carbon, for they have a vision to be have more happiness growth rather than economic growth, to build factories, to produce and sell more than they do know, would mean in an economic growth, however GNH would decrease significantly. As a team we did a research of different universities and campus, which are acting into this new way of living, a greener lifestyle, carbon-free way of living. We found out that the U.K. has the highest impact around the world in the green movement. The U.K. has more universities and campuses that are looking to be fossil-fuel-free. Edinburgh University, which is a university in the U.K. (what a coincidence), announced on Monday, that it will fully divest from fossil-fuels.

This has a huge impact for the U.K.'s fossil free campaign. They innovated into making the whole university carbon-free. They started using new renewables energies, which is not a cheap thing to invest in, but is totally worth it for the vision they have.

We could certainly learn a thing or two from the British. Sadly, our country has a different way to interact with their people, the way they listen to them, still here in our university we are certain there are some changes that can and should be applied in our campus. Here in Tec de Monterrey, we believe that one of the more suitable changes we can make here on campus, is to invest in renewables ways of energy. Monterrey is a pretty hot place, it gets directly hit by the sun, we could certainly invest into solar energy, that way, stop investing on fossil-fuel energy, and even, cut the university's expenses, which we know they have a lot. Not everything is so simple though. Students are listened, here on the campus, but it takes a lot of time for them to be listened to, since they are a lot of people with different thoughts and ideas who want to be listened to, still we believe that if we reach a great number of interested students on the campus about this movement, we could make an actual impact in our campus. Something we would be very proud of.