



# Our Mission

### Empower, Equip & Mobilize

Guardians of Nature from their schools and homes, through the collaboration and collective impact of the government, the private sector and civil society, because the well-being and survival of humanity depend on it.





Jessica Sheffield Zamora

Founder and Executive Director

Our inspiration and dedication are rooted in our gratitude for the privilege of living on the most beautiful and biodiverse planet known to man, a desire for the well-being of the human family and all living beings, and understanding the potential that exists in all of us to make a positive difference.

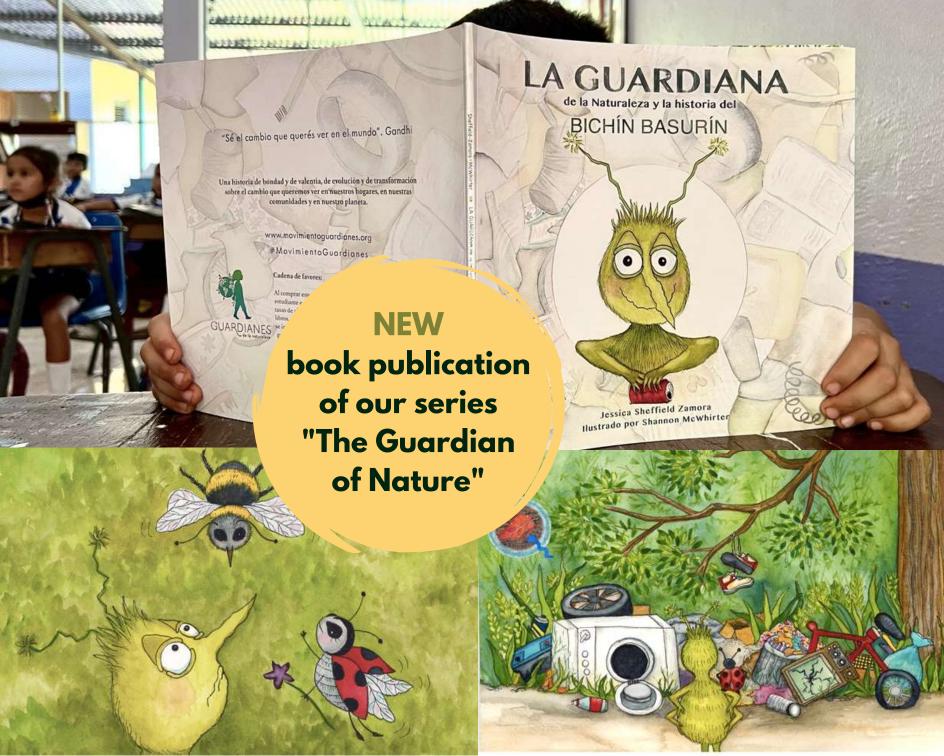
By working to sow and nurture seeds of peace in our relationships within ourselves, others and our planet, we can envision a better future for everyone.

Thanks to each of you: friends, allies, guardians, supporters, collaborators and donors who also share our dream for this legacy.



# **Empowerment students and families**

In alignment with the **Student Participation Pillar** of the Policy and Plan on Education for Sustainable Development, Costa Rica, 2020

























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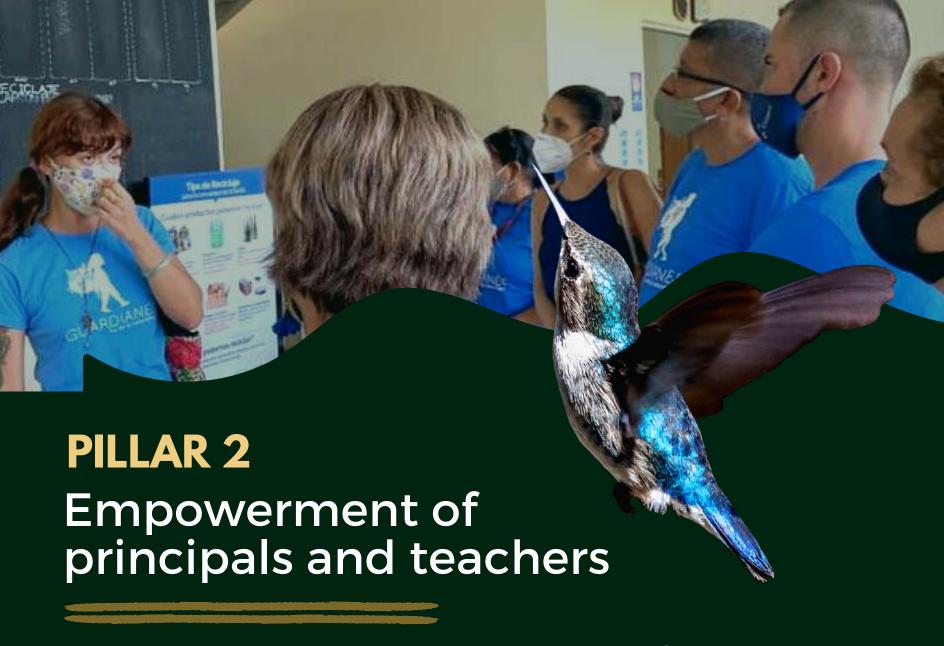
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In alignment with the **Curricular and Teacher Training Pillar** of the Policy and Plan on Education for Sustainable Development, Costa Rica, 2020

# OUR FREE EDUCATIONAL PLATFORM

**Tools for Teachers** 

		2022	Total
	Lessons and Tools created	+20	137
	Users	+86	649
<u>+</u>	Lessons Downloaded	+349	2007
	Countries		21



We are committed to providing access to the Education for Sustainable Development to everyone





Pollinating Gardens

Crafting
with
Recycling



WEBINARS Topics for Principals and Teachers

Model
Schools
in
Sustainable
Development

Eco Literacy













In alignment with the **Green Schools Campuses Pillar** of the Policy and Plan on Education for Sustainable Development, Costa Rica, 2020

#### Our Lab on Education for Sustainable Development



Highest National Eco Award 5 Star Eco Blue Flag School

96% solar



Creation of the Green Strategic Plan 2022-2025



221 species of flora and fauna recorded on the school campus with iNaturalist



Piloting workshops to families

#### Our Lab on Education for Sustainable Development 8 public schools in Nosara, Guanacaste, Costa Rica













# Key findings for systemic change

#### **ROLES:**

School guards have the potential to play an essential supporting role in managing composting and recycling processes in schools. Guards and cooks are key players in the school community in ESD.

#### **RESOURCES:**

In order to equip schools with green infrastructure (compost bins, recycling points, edible gardens, solar panels, rainwater harvesting, etc.) which helps advance the Costa Rica EDS Policy and Plan, it is necessary to create mechanisms to provide schools with both technical and financial resources.

#### **RULES:**

There is an opportunity to structurally strengthen the implementation of the ESD Policy and Plan by exploring evaluation mechanisms for the National Waste Plan in Schools, assessing the suitability of making the Ecological Blue Flag Program mandatory, as well as creating incentives for directors and teachers on ESD issues.





Jacinto Ávila Araya School Palmares, Alajuela



República de Haití School San Sebastián, San José



**UP Sotero González Barquero School**Desamparados, San José

# COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Partners and Allies of a Collective Legacy



### **Private Sector**

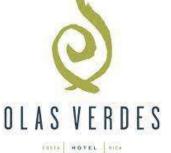


















## Public Sector, NGO, Multilateral









































As finalists among 175 projects in Latin America selected by UNICEF and UNESCO, we obtained a special mention in the Professional Development of Teachers category.

# The Guardian Team



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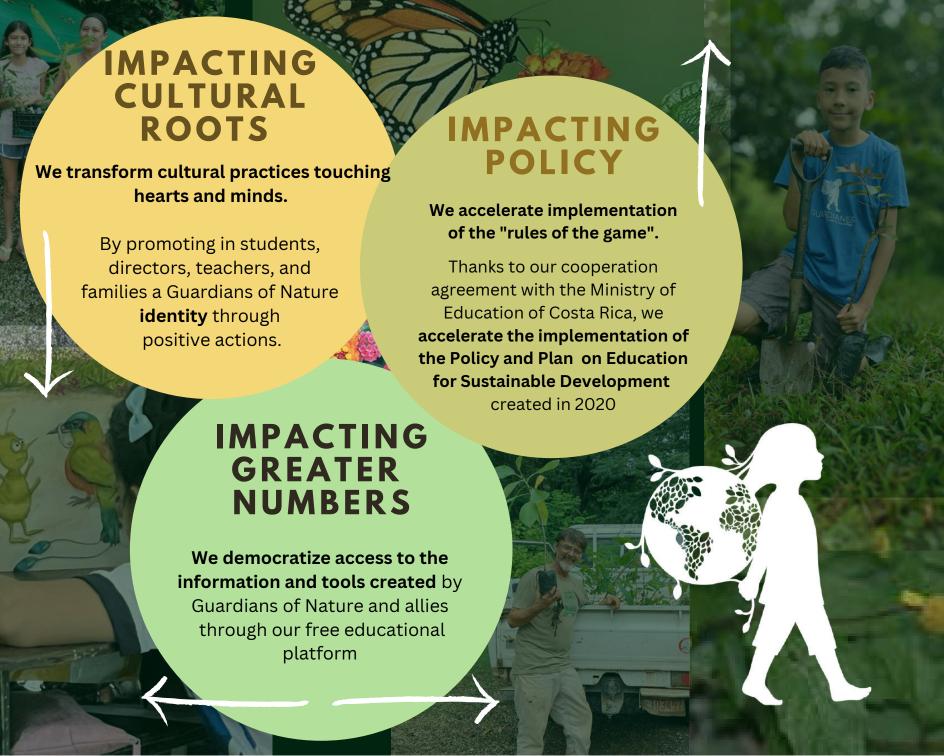
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**Visits** 

26.21k





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