

# make\_sense : re\_action for climate



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A six-week cultural experience in Mexico City where Laidlaw Scholars worldwide collaborated to address climate issues by improving the operations of a local organization with local volunteers.

## TRAINING SESSIONS

### Inspirational Mornings

- 1-hour session
- Full control of content
- Session facilitation



Theme of the 'Inspirational Morning' session with a fellow scholar

### Design Thinking

- Stages in ideation
- Discussion in teams
- Guidance for our projects

## CULTURAL IMMERSION

### Cultural Tours

- Iztapalapa and Xochimilco
- First-hand observation of local socio-environmental issues
- Insights into local innovative solutions



Left: Public transport in Iztapalapa

Right: Chinampas-building in Xochimilco

### Co-living

- Shared Airbnb apartments
- Cultural differences
- Independent problem solving



Photo taken when celebrating the birthday of a fellow scholar together in one of the apartments

## WORK WITH NIDARIA



A small local business upcycling organic waste mainly from households into compost and animal feed

### Volunteer Mobilization

- Project pitch
- In-person and online ice breaking
- Hybrid progress meetings
- Task delegation

### Meetings with Nidaria

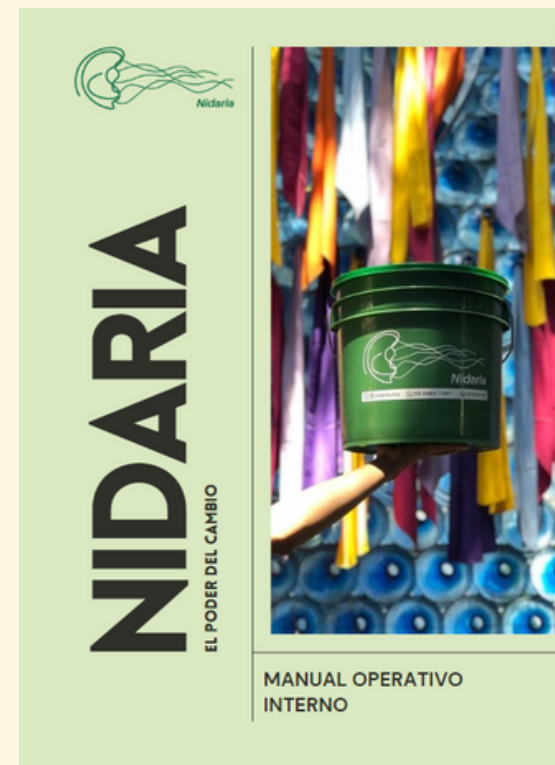
- Interviews to clarify goals and expectations
- Meetings for prototype and progress review
- Food waste collection tours



Photo taken during a collection tour: private vehicle loaded with food waste buckets

### Two Deliverables

- Operational manual for (prospective) employees to clarify the food waste collection process
- Networking & focus group event aiming to expand the client base into the catering industry



Left: Cover page of the operational manual for (prospective) employees; Right: Photo taken before the start of the networking & focus group event

Being a part of the program has fostered a deepened sense of project management skills, critical thinking, cultural intelligence and leadership, all of which empowers me with the confidence in pursuing overseas opportunities. I would like to dedicate this poster to Nuri and Triana, the coordinators in make\_sense.