

Association Plant a Quercus

Information dossier

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Introduction

In the summer of 2017 a fire destroyed in just 72 hours around 4,800 hectares of forests in *Fermoselle* and *Pinilla de Fermoselle*, both belonging to the province of *Zamora (Spain)* and located within the Natural Park of the *Arribes del Duero*, also declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO.

A group of people with direct links to the village of *Pinilla de Fermoselle* decided to put aside the lamentations for the catastrophe suffered and take action.

In February 2018 we made a symbolic plantation of 10 holm oaks. This act was disclosed to friends and family who expressed their intention to collaborate with the cause and suggested we organize some kind of collection to expand the project and recover in this way part of what was lost in the fire.

In May 2018 we created the website www.plantaunquercus.com and founded the Environmental Association **Plant a Quercus** in order to obtain funds to help us repopulate these lands with autochthonous species.



Objectives

Our objectives are stated in the statutes of the association and are summarized in:



Reforestation with native species of the *Arribes del Duero*. We plant holm oaks, cork oaks, junipers and strawberry trees, trees that have null or doubtful economic profitability for our generation and possibly the next one but that are essential in the habitat of the Natural Park of the *Arribes del Duero*.

Promote the care of the environment through workshops aimed mainly at children since they will be "our future guardians"

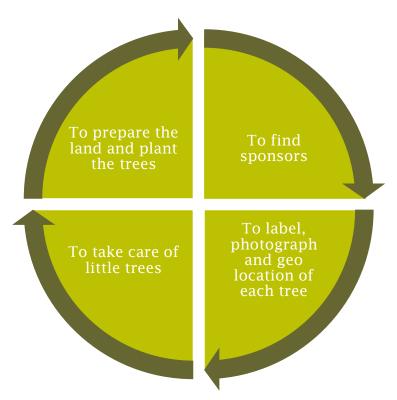
of the forests".

Promote the recycling of waste in the area, getting in touch with public administrations to provide the necessary means to carry it out and making the habitants of the area aware of the need and the benefits of doing so.

Our work

All the activity of **Plant a Quercus** is being carried out for the moment within the area of *Pinilla de Fermoselle (Zamora)* planting of native trees, holm oaks (Quercus Ilex), cork oaks (Quercus Suber), strawberry trees (Arbutus Unedo) and soon junipers (Juniperus Oxycedrus), as well as environmental workshops for children, although for the latter we have received invitations from various villages in the county to organize them and we are currently working on it.

For the tasks of planting, take care and sponsorship of trees we follow a simple cyclical process:



All the tasks are documented on the website of the association www.plantaunquercus.com. In addition, we periodically send through social networks (Whatsapp distribution lists, e-mailing and Facebook) information about our activity and relevant news to people and entities that have supported us.

Resources

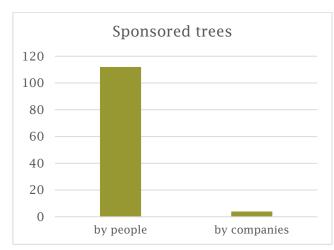
HUMAN RESOURCES

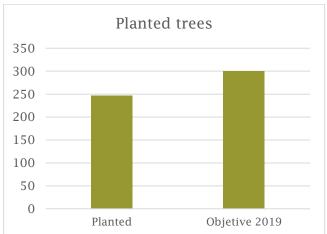
In addition to the founding members of the association, to carry out our work fortunately we are receiving the support of many people willing to collaborate selflessly with:

- Direct help planting trees.
- Spreading of our work among your social networks.
- Free use of land for plantings.
- Note: Photograph and video edition.
- Cession of municipal spaces to carry out workshops with children.
- Workshop organization.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Our funding to try to cover the costs of the project comes solely and exclusively from the **sponsorship of trees** by individuals and private companies and the sale of merchandising designed by **Plant a Quercus**.















Plant a Quercus in the media

Apart from the **web**, a fundamental tool in the development of our activity itself, as it is used to sponsor trees, we are also present in other media such as **Facebook** and **Google**+.





Interview in the radio show **El Faro** with **Mara Torres** de la Cadena SER in December 2018.



Collaboration with the Junta de Castilla y León and the EU program Fundación Patrimonio Natural de Castilla León with the Interreg Poctep Project, in November 2018.





Collaboration with town councils, such as *Villar del Buey*, head of many villages that form part of the Arribes del Duero Natural Park or *Pinilla de Fermoselle* council which opened for us the facilities of the old school to develop a free environmental workshop for children: "The Guardians of the Forest".



19th of agosto, 2018

28 niños participan en el 1er Taller "Los Guardianes del Bosque"



El pasado sábado 18 de Agosto un total de 28 niños participaron en el primer taller nedioambiental "Los Guardianes del Bosque" organizado por la Asociación Planta un puercus en las antiguas escuelas de Pinilla de Fermoselle (Zamora), pueblo situado en medio del Parque Natural de los Arribes del Duero. Durante el taller, los niños dejaron correr su creatividad y llenaron las escuelas de coloridas macetas "con autoriego" fabricadas por ellos mismos a partir de material reciclado. Además crearon unos preciosos imanes con forma de árbol y dado que el primer aniversario del incendio está cerca, aprovechamos para colgar unas hojas de vivos colores a un árbol quemado simbolizando así el compromiso de los más pequeños con la naturaleza, el compromiso de nuestros futuros "Guardianes del Bosque".

Mientras se desarrollaban los talleres se dió a conocer a los familiares de los más pequeños la labor que Planta un Quercus está desarrollando en los Arribes del Duero. Los trabajos de reforestación con encinas, alcornoques y madroños y el proyecto "La Ruta de los Bebederos"; una nueva senda que recorrerá toda la zona descubriendo los 21 bebederos para insectos y aves instalados en el parque natural. También aprovechamos a tomar nota de sugerencias e ideas que los asistentes nos fueron trasladando.

Una vez finalizados los talleres dimos un agradable paseo con grandes y pequeños hasta la Peña del Cura, el mirador más emblemático de la zona, que aprovechamos para enseñar el funcionamiento de uno de los bebederos situado cerca de este mirador.

Dado el interés mostrado por los talleres, Planta un Quercus se está planteando de cara al 2019 realizar estas mismas actividades de forma gratuita en otras localidades cercanas como puedan ser Fermoselle, Trabanca, Fornillos o cualquier otro pueblo de la zona que esté interesado en desarrollar este tipo de talleres relacionadas con el medio ambiente.

Si piensas en términos de 1 año, siembra una semilla; si piensas en términos de 10 años, planta árboles; si piensas en términos de 100 años, enseña a los niños"



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