This is how nature expresses itself. This even though with the passing of the years, it has suffered from our actions and has transformed its melody. But there those who raise their voices for its welfare.

"I was raised in San Pedro Tultepec which is a town in Mexico. And when I was 13 years old, my town suffered from inundation. My parents, they raised me with a philosophy of caring for the environment because my father is of Otomi descent, which is an indigenous people. Then I was already there because my eyes were already very open to what we had to take care of mother earth".

These experiences prompted her to create events in favor of the environment, which led her to participate together with other young people in the participation of a book. Event that took place this summer in San Francisco.

"Well, this book is very special because it writes 100 stories of young people around the world. And it writes not only our experiences of climate change but also the initiatives that we have taken".

How you see or what is the perspective you have of young people like you about climate change, and how you compare it with maybe people who are older.

"We have a much more complete vision of the world I believe than past generations. So, I know when you were in Australia and my friend calls me and tells me 'I can't believe what is happening here'. Then it hurts as much as if it were our neighbor friend. And well, that is one of the reasons why I believe that young people are so important in this dialogue but also instrumental in imagining much more inclusive and intersectional solutions".

And what do young people think about the fight against climate change in recent years?

"The climate movement the movement for the environment for the last 50 years has focused on recycling, in maybe using a bicycle instead of a car, in personal things, in things that we can do from day to day. We as young people are realizing that the climate crisis is something structural. We're not going to save the planet by stopping using straws. It must be changes to outrun the fossil fuel industry. To start a fair transition to renewable energy".

And to learn more about Xiye and other young people, their work, and the stories of climate change,

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Spanish version of the interview at: bit.ly/TelemundoSpanish-Xiye