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## **BIGGER THAN US** **BY FLORE VASSEUR (FRANCE - 2021)**

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« [Bigger Than Us](#) » is not only a well-crafted documentary, it is a real wake-up call. From Malawi to the US or even Greece and Brazil, the french and bold film-maker Flore Vasseur takes us on a special journey with Melati, an 18 year old activist from Indonesia fighting against plastic pollution on her home island, Bali, since she was 12 years old. For an hour and a half, we follow Melati as she travels throughout the world to meet with « her tribe » : 6 young activists from different continents, each committed to a particular cause such as women's rights in Malawi, education for refugees in Lebanon, refugee rescue in Greece, climate emergency in the US, freedom of speech in Brazil and food security in Uganda.

Nothing is left to chance, beginning with the title : « Bigger than us » are the ravages due to wars and excessive capitalism, but bigger than us is also the world we live in. This movie, brilliantly carried by these 7 young people, is a cry for empowerment and global change : however old you are, wherever you live, whatever your job or your way of life is, you'll be blown away by the ability of this documentary to make you want to commit to something bigger than yourself.

How can I show the movie to a group of students ?

<https://biggerthanus.film/organiser-une-projection>

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## CELEBRATING SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION ABROAD

Stefano (USAC Lyon)

Before spoiling the surprise and revealing the winner of this year's remarkable endeavors, let's take a step back to frame the initiative within the larger picture of the Forum on Education Abroad's mission and the landscape of best practices.

As stated on the Forum's official website, "the [Award for Advancing the UN SDGs through Education Abroad](#) honors member institutions and organizations whose education abroad programs promote economic, environmental, and social sustainability". This distinction acknowledges entities that have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the [SDGs](#) through their initiatives in education abroad.

The recognition of such initiatives by The Forum is a testament to the growing importance of sustainability in higher education. Sustainable practices contribute to economic development, environmental preservation, and social well-being, aligning with the broader global agenda outlined in the UN SDGs. The nominees were rigorously assessed based on their adherence to the guidelines for advancing the UN SDGs during the past academic year. The finalists stood out for their exemplary efforts in incorporating sustainability into various aspects of their education abroad programs.

Join us on this journey of celebration and recognition, as we explore the profound impact of sustainable practices in shaping the future of education abroad.

### Awards Criteria and Finalists' Achievements:

- [AIFS Abroad](#): AIFS Abroad's dedication to aligning internal and external activities with the SDGs, coupled with transparent reporting on Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (AIDE) and their [Green Initiative](#), has positioned them as leaders in the field.
- [Big Pond Education](#): Big Pond's commitment to local and sustainable efforts, from vegan, locally sourced meals to [carbon literacy](#) micro-credentials for students and staff, marks them as champions of environmental sustainability within international education.
- [IES Abroad](#): IES Abroad's [Global Good Commitment](#) integrates the UN SDGs across all aspects of their organization, fostering sustainable practices in courses, curriculum, experiential learning, and co-curricular programming.
- [Intercultural Outreach Initiative](#) (IOI): IOI is commended for creating a [foundation of sustainability](#) and UN SDGs through education, conservation, and social development, particularly in isolated communities like the Galapagos.
- [Temple University](#): Temple University's incorporation of UN SDG goals in study abroad and overseas campuses, exemplified by the [Temple Global Green](#) Grants and collaboration with the Center for the Advancement of Teaching, underscores their commitment to sustainability.

What are the challenges and opportunities at Abroad Centers? Let's investigate more deeply into our on-site sustainable initiatives. Can we explore ways to reduce carbon footprint, engage with local communities on sustainable projects, and integrate sustainability into academic curricula?

The Forum inspires us, the higher education community abroad, to contribute to a more sustainable future. The finalists and winners serve as role models, encouraging other institutions to adopt innovative strategies, engage in sustainable development projects, and embed the principles of the UN SDGs into the fabric of education abroad programs.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, the APUAF SD committee is dedicated to acknowledging sustainable initiatives, exchanging best practices, and collectively inspiring and contributing to a global education landscape that is both sustainable and inclusive.

As we reflect on what our next sustainable action will be, let us join in a unified toast to honor and cherish the recipient of this year's award: [Big Pond Education!](#)



## VIVE LES FRIPERIES ! ENGAGEMENT DANS LE RECYCLABLE

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Depuis les « bourses aux vêtements » de notre enfance, les offres / achats de vêtements d'occasion ont bien évolué.

Ce qui était autrefois uniquement un enjeu économique, en particulier pour habiller les enfants à moindre coût, est devenu également un enjeu de développement durable, pour réduire la consommation de vêtements neufs et limiter les déchets vestimentaires.

A cela s'ajoute un intérêt grandissant pour le « vintage » de marque, et voilà le marché de la « seconde main » qui s'envole !

L'élargissement de l'offre se retrouve à tous les niveaux, de la petite boutique de quartier aux grandes enseignes, en passant par les chaînes de magasins spécialisés.

A titre d'exemple, Bordeaux ou Lyon comptent une trentaine de boutiques, Pau six ou sept et Paris plus d'une centaine.

Les grands magasins comme les Galeries Lafayette ou le Printemps dédient plusieurs centaines de m<sup>2</sup> à la seconde main, et même la grande distribution (Carrefour, Auchan, Système U...) ont lancé des campagnes de collecte de vêtements et en organisent la revente.

En bref, il y en a pour tous les budgets et tous les goûts ! Alors pourquoi ne pas tenter l'expérience nous aussi, si ce n'est pas déjà fait ?

Nous avons souhaité interroger nos étudiants sur leurs pratiques d'achat de vêtements d'occasion. Un petit sondage a été réalisé sur 4 groupes d'étudiants (Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris, Pau) ; nous leur avons demandé :

- s'ils achetaient déjà de l'occasion aux Etats-Unis, puis en France (ou Europe), en boutique ou en ligne.

- La raison de ces achats, selon leurs priorités :

o Engagement personnel / préservation des ressources de notre planète,

o Raison économique,

o Mode, c'est « tendance »

o Autre

52 étudiants ont répondu au questionnaire

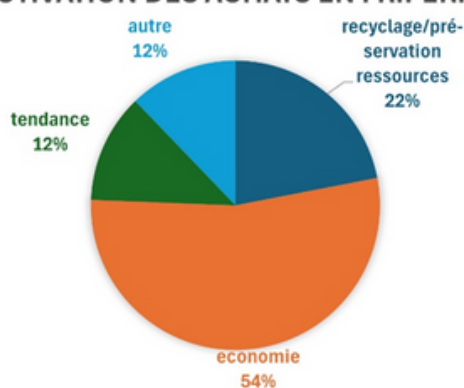
80 % achètent d'occasion aux Etats-Unis et en France/Europe, et un peu plus de 80 % en boutique plutôt qu'en ligne.

Leurs motivations : on voit nettement que les raisons économiques restent la priorité, puis vient le recyclage et la préservation des ressources. Le côté « trendy » arrive ensuite, à égalité avec « autre ». Dans la catégorie « autre » les étudiants ont indiqué leur intérêt pour la qualité des vêtements, la variété de styles, les « belles » matières (soie, coton, laine), les boutons, les grandes tailles, la fabrication française/européenne.

Les boutiques, les salons permettent à nos étudiants de découvrir non seulement d'autres quartiers (où ils ne seraient peut-être pas allés) mais aussi d'autres façons de combiner les vêtements et de mieux voir et comprendre la diversité dans tous les sens du mot.

Voici donc de belles « occasions » de se faire plaisir, d'économiser et de faire un geste pour la planète !

### MOTIVATION DES ACHATS EN FRIPERIES



Quelques boutiques recommandées par les étudiants :

Kilo shop, Ding Fring, Emmaüs, presents partout en France.  
A Paris : Freepstar, Flea Markets, Guerrisol, Episode, salon vintage « au Carreau du Temple »

A Pau : Au Grenier

A Lyon : Minimaxxx, Fripes Machine, Eléphantéau Vintage, Léonard Vintage

A Bordeaux : Free Show Vintage, Amos Bordeaux

