

# Tedx Talk entitled "How Garbage Fuels Ocean Cleaning" by Gianni Valenti, president of Gaia First environmental association, is published on the Tedx YouTube platform: https://youtu.be/OcBelSytwlw

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Imagine this vast area—that is in this very moment continuously killing wildlife, poisoning our waters and blocking Phytoplankton from completing natural CO<sub>2</sub> absorption and conversion to oxygen—becoming the very "green fuel" for its own elimination in a circular flow of energy.

- Gianni Valenti, President of GAIA FIRST at TEDx Münster 2021

#### **TEDx Münster**

Gianni Valenti, founder and president of the environmental NGO GAIA FIRST, was invited to present his project at the annual TEDx conference in Münster, Germany on September 18 2021. We would like to invite the general public to watch the YouTube video on the official Tedx YouTube page (<a href="https://youtu.be/OcBelSytwlw">https://youtu.be/OcBelSytwlw</a>), in order to be informed of Gaia First's GPGP project for ocean cleaning. Also, we'd like to call upon all readers/listeners to visit our website to further inform themselves on GAIA FIRST's actions and to follow our social media accounts.

## The GPGP Project

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) is the largest of the so-called plastic continents at 1.6 Mn sq kilometers in size comprising 80,000 tonnes of floating garbage. Its size can be equated to nearly 3 times that of France or the state of Texas. GAIA FIRST's GPGP project will work on the threefold objective of Restoring, Recycling and Reviving, in order to clean up the GPGP and convert the waste found there into green energy—namely hydrogen—using gasification technology. This operation has the potential of offsetting  $CO_2$  emissions equal in size to 4 times the amount offset by the entire Amazon rainforest, as clearing away the waste debris will leave room for Phytoplankton to complete natural  $CO_2$  absorption. It is critical that the world grasp the importance of oceans with regard to Climate Change and examine actionable plans to take action.

#### **GAIA FIRST**

The environmental NGO "GAIA FIRST" is based in Paris and is composed exclusively of volunteers. Its team of active members are located in 25 different countries, working together to raise awareness and to carry out concrete local actions on an international scale and simultaneously. In addition to the GPGP project, we also carry out "worldwide local clean ups" during which groups in various countries clean up trash from local areas. These events have the purpose of raising awareness and motivating all individuals to become local actors in restoring the cleanliness of their town's natural environment.

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