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OLGA QUINTERO

[Voice #25: Olga Quintero](#)

Olga Lucy Quintero, 51, has lived in Comuna 18, Cali, for over 30 years. She built her home gradually while raising her children. Formerly an industrial operator, she now focuses on sustainable gardening, composting, and recycling.

Passionate about plants and environmental care, Olga works to promote cleanliness and awareness in her community, despite challenges like littering. She dreams of a greener, sustainable future with solar energy and more plants. In her free time, she enjoys crafting, weaving, and decorating, skills she's nurtured since childhood. Olga hopes to inspire others to care for the planet and create positive change.

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Based on Olga Lucy Quintero's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

Question 01: Olga's skills in crafting and home improvement demonstrate resourcefulness within informal communities. How can planners leverage local skills and knowledge to co-create resilient and sustainable neighbourhoods?

Question 02: How can community-driven recycling initiatives, like Olga's use of organic waste to nourish her garden, inspire broader behavioural changes and foster collective responsibility for waste management in urban neighbourhoods?

Question 03: How can urban planners support residents in informal settlements to build and improve their homes over time, as Olga did, while addressing challenges like limited resources and environmental impact?

Exploring connections:

Below the image, you'll find additional voices that expand on themes from Olga's testimonial. We invite you to explore these perspectives and connect Olga's insights with broader discussions on *Care*, *Environmental Awareness* and *Professional Development*.