

## ***Mystery Wo/man: who is X? What does s/he do?***

My name is X and I like to **have a good time**. As a \_\_\_\_\_ and journalist, I've been lucky enough to travel to some amazing **places around the world**. Through my travels, one of the things I see in many **developing countries** is a lot of suffering. During my trips, it always felt weird to me when I would stay in a hotel, \_\_\_\_\_, and learn pretty much nothing about the community. Along the way I **became curious** about the biggest issues that the places I visited were facing.

When I was 18 I decided to make a short movie about a proposed **coal power plant** that was going to be built on the beach in a town called Constitución in Chile. The plant would destroy the **local economy** which was based on fishing and \_\_\_\_\_. All of the locals were opposed to it. I did some research and learned that Bank of America was **financing the project**. When you put your money in a bank it doesn't stay there. Banks use your money to lend out. When you put your money in a local bank it's also lent out, but instead of being sucked out of your community, it circulates within your neighborhood and **supports your local economy**. By shifting your bank account you have the power to stop funding the problem and start funding the solution, all in one move.

So, I made a YouTube movie about this issue and shared it with my friends. The movie spread and my friends **took action** and started moving their money, then \_\_\_\_\_ companies **took action**, then people who didn't \_\_\_\_\_ **took action**. Because of this I've been able to document people moving hundreds of millions of dollars of **lending power** out of B of A and other centralized banks into **local banks** and credit unions, and reached people throughout North America, South America, Africa and much of Europe. That project was my inspiration to create the \_\_\_\_\_ for Change Series: a short **movie series** based from each \_\_\_\_\_ trip I take that aims to cover a **current issue** while **spreading the message** that **activism can be fun**.

