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Case study: ethical apparel

How UNiDAYS helped a retail brand create a CSR-focused campaign that drove brand favorability and engagement with Gen Z.

100+
student video
entries within
4 weeks

15k+
video views
within 4
weeks

Increased brand favorability

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The challenge

An apparel retailer known for its sustainable sourcing practices was looking for ways to increase positive brand perceptions with Gen Z. The retailer had been a long-standing partner of UNIDAYS, the world's leading Student Affinity Network, but had been focused on offering student incentives to college students in North America. They recognized that engaging Gen Z college students with more than purchase promotions was critical to forging a lasting emotional connection and wanted help marrying brand and commerce.

The solution

A **UNiDAYS** student strategy consultant recommended **UNiDAYS** Launchpad, a collaborative marketing program that gives brands the power to cocreate with Gen Z for social good.

The program would provide an opportunity to engage Gen Z students with a memorable branded experience, and it would also allow the retailer to tell their brand story on the platform where they were already reaching students daily.

The Launchpad team created a contest on the **UNiDAYS** platform, partnering with a nonprofit whose mission is to build schools for underserved communities across the globe. The team invited student volunteers to submit their own user-generated video contest entries, outlining the reasons why the brand should give them an all-expenses-paid trip to Guatemala to help build a new school.

Using **UNiDAYS** student verification, the retail brand was easily able to identify a verified audience of student contest participants across North America.

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To support the contest, **UNIDAYS** leveraged its in-house creative studio to develop a co-branded landing page, image tiles, blog content and a promotional video explaining the contest. The contest was also promoted via **UNIDAYS**-owned channels, including web, email, app, newsletter and social media.

The results

Within the span of 4 weeks, the program achieved the following:

- Over **100** student video entries
- Over **I5K** video views
- Amplified the retail brand's CSR initiatives alongside their ecommerce incentives — all on one Gen Z-focused platform.
- The winners received a six day, all-expenses-paid trip to Guatemala that changed their lives — and transformed a small corner of the world for the better.

About UNIDAYS

UNiDAYS is the world's leading Student Affinity Network, connecting brands to more than 10 million Gen Z college students around the world.

