

8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Queridos profesores de español:

¡Hola! This is the time of the year when Spanish teachers and students all over New Zealand put on their dancing shoes and dance in unison to a cool piece of Latin music!

The Spanish Programme of the University of Canterbury is delighted to invite you to participate in the Spanish Dance Video Project 2019, which besides acknowledging the usefulness of dance as a great L2 learning tool, fosters the collaboration and advocacy for the Spanish language in New Zealand. The 2016, 2017 and 2018 projects, which involved teachers and students from the University of Canterbury and many secondary schools all over New Zealand, were very successful. These are the links to the resulting wonderful videos in case you'd like to watch them (again):

***Spanish Dance Video Project 2016***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CHbswR2peg>

***Spanish Dance Video Project 2017***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf29tXl6AwY>

***Spanish Dance Video Project 2018***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uB5y63BwXkU&t=11s>

This year we are going national again and we are hoping to have the participation of Spanish language teachers and students from many secondary schools and universities all over New Zealand. While the main purpose of this project is not language acquisition in itself but the promotion of Spanish in New Zealand, it will definitely result in some vocabulary learning for all the students participating and will create a sense of unity and harmony among all of them. It is very important to emphasize that language level and dance proficiency are not issues to be considered here, since the final goal is to have some fun while dancing in a group to a popular pop Latin song.

The song we will be dancing to this year is ***Lo Digo*** with Carlos Rivera & Gente de Zona. The lyrics are great and this video also offers a variety of possibilities to work with language and culture: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPg\\_HJVR\\_Do](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPg_HJVR_Do)

To participate, the Spanish teachers and students of your school will have to practice and film their own performance of the dance using the choreography that Lucy Valentiness, a lovely Latin dancer, teacher and performer created for us! ([lucyvalentiness@hotmail.com](mailto:lucyvalentiness@hotmail.com), Rebel Roots). Lucy uploaded to YouTube a great video including the different sections of the choreography, the moves in slow motion, and then the full choreography (from min. 8:23): <https://youtu.be/GND8wShYLYc>

Then, clips from your video will be edited together with clips from other schools' to create a final version which will be uploaded to YouTube, and from which you will receive a copy. **Please** send **ONLY ONE VIDEO** for your school. Get students of different levels dancing together – it will be so much fun! However, if you have **many large** classes, you have the option to produce **two** videos for your School.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING YOUR VIDEO**

**Please send your video by 21<sup>st</sup> June (Friday)**

- Use the best quality video camera you have and, ideally, get someone who has experience with filming to record it.
- The video(s) will be edited with a number of institutions' video footage, so your segment(s) will be around 15 seconds long, depending on the number of schools

participating. However, you need to **record the performance for the entire length of the music.**

1. To practice the dance use the choreography on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/GND8wShYLYc>

It is an unlisted YouTube video, so you can only access it by using this link. This is a mirrored version, so your students just need to copy the moves while watching the video. You may want to go through the dance with your students in the classroom, although they may as well watch the video and learn the dance at home in their own time.

2. Capture the full body of the students with a distinct background that characterizes your school (you can also use posters, banners, etc.). The camera should be very stable, so a tripod is highly recommended. Shoot from a high place so that faces of students at the back can also be seen.

3. Start recording before you begin to play the music.

4. Make it fun! Encourage your students to dress up for the final recording ☺

5. Please inform students that the final version will be uploaded on YouTube.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING YOUR VIDEO**

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- (1) Go to [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)
- (2) Under “send up to 2GB” click on “add files”.
- (3) Select the file you want to upload from your documents.
- (4) Fill in the email address [victoria.escaip@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:victoria.escaip@canterbury.ac.nz)
- (5) Also, fill in your email address. You will receive a message once your file has been correctly “transferred”.
- (6) Under “message” put your name and the name of your institution.
- (7) Click on “transfer”.
- (8) You can also send me your video through a cloud file-sharing option (Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.).
- (9) You will receive a message from me acknowledging the reception of your video within the following 5 working days. If you do not receive this message, please contact me.

Thank you very much for your wonderful support promoting the Spanish language in New Zealand! Your participation in this project is vital and will also feature the Spanish Programme of your school all over New Zealand! We are sure that you and your students will love this project ☺ For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¡Saludos!

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