

## Overview:

This lesson plan will challenge participants to identify and explore civic issues in their local area as well as in a host country if they are studying abroad, or a different region in the world. They will create a scrapbook of civic action initiatives and then develop their own civic action plan for engaging in that issue.

## Background and Information:

Civic Action Scrapbook is created by Anthony Ogden, Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement at the University of Wyoming, and is uploaded to the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit (see citation below).

## Objectives:

As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. "Recognize on-going civic action initiatives in the local community and identify the various methods or strategies being used by each."
2. "Engage in a process of recognizing and collecting evidence of civic action initiatives in the host country in order to compile a civic action scrapbook."
3. "Develop a six-month civic action plan that addresses a particular issue in [their] home community" (Ogden, 2009).

## Time:

3 hours

## Group Size:

Small group

## Materials:

Copies of the Civic Action Scrapbook Handout (in both [Links](#) and [Downloads](#)), paper, and markers.

## Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:

- Denial
- Polarization
- Minimization
- Acceptance

## AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence Goals:

Curiosity:

- To ask complex questions about other cultures.
- To seek out and articulate answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.

## Knowledge of Cultural Worldview Frameworks:

- To demonstrate sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs & practices.

## Other Skills:

Leadership

## Links to Activity Instructions:

- [Civic Action Scrapbook instructions on the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit](#)

## Related Tools:

### *Similar tools:*

- [Global Health Matters](#)
- [Good Intentions are Not Enough: A Decolonizing Intercultural Education](#)
- [To Hell with Good Intentions](#)

### *Related assessment tools:*

- [Global Learning Short Scale](#)
- [Public Affairs Scale](#)