

## Overview:

This lesson plan will challenge participants to make connections with a local organization as well as an international project/organization. They will select a community partner and then propose an international project.

## Background and Information:

Community Partners is created by Scott Barnhart, Professor of Global Health at the University of Washington, and Anthony Ogden, Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement at the University of Wyoming. It 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. "Build sustainable connections between a local community organization and the targeted international project/organization."
2. "Think critically about global service learning initiatives and the importance of building sustainable and meaningful partnerships."
3. "Collectively reflect on and share best practices toward raising local awareness of a particular international issue (specific to the targeted international project/organization)" (Barnhart & Ogden, 2009).

## Time:

48 hours

## Group Size:

Small group

## Materials:

Community Partners Handout (in both [Links](#) and [Downloads](#)).

## Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:

- Denial
- Polarization
- Minimization
- Acceptance

## AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence Goals:

Openness:

- To initiate and develop interactions with culturally different others.
- To suspend judgment in valuing interactions with culturally different others.

## 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:

Teamwork, Leadership

## Links to Activity Instructions:

- [Community Partners instructions on the UK Education Abroad Faculty Toolkit](#)

## Related Tools:

### *Similar tools:*

- [Civic Action Scrapbook](#)
- [Ethical Photography & Community-Engaged Global Learning](#)
- [Fair Trade Learning](#)
- [Let It Go!](#)
- [My Ethic for Global Learning](#)
- [Push Back](#)
- [To Hell with Good Intentions](#)

### *Related assessment tools:*

- [Public Affairs Scale](#)