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Our Vision:

Ihsan Education (™) inspires academic, moral and spiritual excellence to empower students to thrive and contribute to the betterment of humanity in a diverse, complex, and global context.

Our Philosophy:

Ihsan Education employs a moral or values based framework that cultivates the growth of *Ihsan* or beautiful morals which enable students to understand the essence of their faith and how to embody it in a diverse, pluralistic, complex society. The outcome is students who are well rooted in the understanding of their faith and spiritual traditions yet open-minded, compassionate, generous, and collaborative with people of all faiths and backgrounds, in order to be a catalyst for positive change and peace in our world.

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Educator Training (Online and In-Person), Ihsan Educator Certificate Program (Online Starting Oct. 2016), Consulting and Coaching, Curriculum Development, School Certification, Student Programs

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The Global Citizen

"Oxfam sees the global citizen as someone who:

• Is aware of the wider world and has a sense of their own

role as a world citizen.

- Respects and values diversity.
- Has an understanding of how the world works.
- Is passionately committed to social justice.
- Participates in the community at a range of levels, from the local to the global.
- Works with others to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place.
- Takes responsibility for their actions" 2



Global Citizenship

"A transformative vision of education: Education for global citizenship is a framework to equip learners for critical and active engagement with the challenges and opportunities of life in a fast-changing and interdependent world. It is transformative, developing the knowledge and understanding, skills, values and attitudes that learners need both to participate fully in a globalised society and economy, and to secure a more just, secure and sustainable world than the one they have inherited."2

Educating for Global Citizenship in a Changing World

Addresses the following learning expectations:

- "Increase knowledge of international-development and cooperation issues (e.g. rights of children, gender inequities, human rights, environmental global issues).
- Instill an understanding of global interdependence and Canada's responsibilities as a member of the global village (and other related concepts e.g., globalization, rights and responsibilities, social justice, diversity, equity, peace and conflict).
- Raise awareness of the role Canadian individuals and organizations play in overseas relief and development assistance." 1

Educating for Global Citizenship in a Changing World

• "Instill a sense of global citizenship and increase awareness of the difference that individual and collective actions can make on issues of global importance.

• Promote tolerance and respect for the many diverse cultures in Canada and around the

world. "1



Why teach Global Citizenship?

Global citizenship:

- Gives learning meaning by being exciting, relevant and grounded in 'real-life' scenarios.
- Challenges misinformation and stereotyped views about Majority World countries, and allows children to counter ignorance and intolerance.
- Acknowledges that we have power as individuals: each of us can change things, and each of us
 has choices about how we behave. But this power can be even greater when we work collectively.
- Demonstrates how the world we live in is unfair and unequal, but promotes challenging and changing this.
- Encourages us to recognise our responsibilities towards each other, and learn from each other.

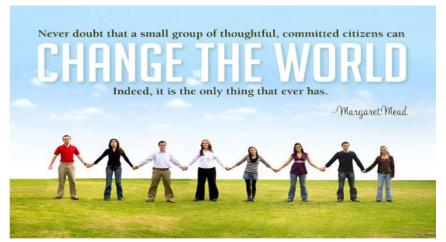
Teaching approaches used to promote global citizenship have a positive impact on learners and can raise standards.2

The Global IS LOCAL

- "We are linked as never before to other people on every continent:
- Socially and culturally through the media, telecommunications, travel and migration.
- Economically through trade.
- Environmentally through sharing one planet.
- Politically through international relations and systems of regulation."2

Open-mindedness, Full-mindedness, Fair-mindedness

- "Open-mindedness (recognize differences in point of view, entertain contrary positions)
- Full-mindedness (anticipate complexity, recognize stereotypes, suspend judgment when warranted)
- Fair-mindedness (empathize with others, overcome bias)"1



Approaching Problems Globally

- "Cogan and Kubow's four year, nine-nation study (1997) forecasts eight key characteristics that will be required of citizens for the 21st century:
- 1. Ability to look at and approach problems as a member of a global society.
- 2. Ability to work with others in a cooperative way and to take responsibility for one's roles (and) duties within society.
- 3. Ability to understand, accept, appreciate, and tolerate cultural differences.
- 4. Capacity to think in a critical and systemic way. "1

Approaching Problems Globally

- 5. "Willingness to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner.
- 6. Willingness to change one's (way of life) and habits (of consumption) to protect the environment.
- 7. Ability to be sensitive towards and to defend human rights.
- 8. Willingness to participate in politics locally, nationally, and internationally." 1

What Does it Mean to be a Citizen of the World?

Ted Talk:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=19&v=ODLg_00f9BE



Global citizenship involves	It is not
✓ asking questions and critical thinking	× telling people what to think and do
✓ exploring local-global connections and our views, values and assumptions	× only about far away places and peoples
✓ exploring the complexity of global issues and engaging with multiple perspectives	× providing simple solutions to complex issues
✓ exploring issues of social justice locally and globally	× focused on charitable fundraising
✓ applying learning to real-world issues and contexts	 abstract learning devoid of real-life application and outcomes
✓ opportunities for learners to take informed, reflective action and have their voices heard	× tokenistic inclusion of learners in decision-making
✓ all ages	× too difficult for young children to understand
✓ all areas of the curriculum	× an extra subject
✓ enrichment of everyday teaching and learning	× just a focus for a particular day or week
✓ the whole school environment	× limited to the classroom

Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Values and attitudes
Social justice and equity	Critical and creative thinking	Sense of identify and self-esteem
Identity and diversity	Empathy	Commitment to social justice and equity
Globalisation and interdependence	Self-awareness and reflection	Respect for people and human rights
Sustainable development	Communication	Value diversity
Peace and conflict	Cooperation and conflict resolution	Concern for the environment and commitment to sustainable development
Human rights	Ability to manage complexity and uncertainty	Commitment to participation and inclusion
Power and governance	Informed and reflective action	Belief that people can bring about change

Global Citizenship Across Curriculum

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/global-citizenship/global-citizenship-guides

Education for Global Citizenship: A guide for schools, P. 12 and 13

Oxfam's Curriculum for global citizenship Knowledge and understanding, Skills, Values and Attitudes

Includes Goal you are trying to develop (Eg. Social Justice and Equity, Identity and Diversity, etc.) and how it applies for ages 3-19.

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/global-citizenship/global-citizenship-guides

Education for Global Citizenship: A guide for schools, P. 16-21

Whole School Approach

Global citizenship is not an additional subject, it is an ethos. It is best implemented through a **whole-school approach**, involving everyone from learners themselves to the wider community. It can also be promoted in class through teaching the existing curriculum in a way that highlights aspects such as social justice, the appreciation of diversity and the importance of sustainable development." 2

Whole School Approach

School ethos	The curriculum	Participation	Staff development	Transition	Community engagement
Ensure that global citizenship is reflected in your school vision, ethos and development plan, with learners playing a key role in decision-making.	Promote global citizenship across the curriculum, with activities delivered across a range of subjects and key stages.	Enable learners to participate in or lead on global citizenship projects through curricular or extra-curricular activities – for example, peer or cross-phase learning.	Develop staff understanding of global citizenship and participatory and critical approaches, and planning time to co-ordinate projects.	Use global citizenship to support primary to secondary transition and explore the place of global citizenship values and skills in further and higher education and the workplace.	Develop ways to engage your local community using global citizenship, and invite community members to related events.

Developing global citizenship in your classroom practice

The planning framework on pages 8-9 of http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/global-citizenship/global-citizenship-guides, Global Citizenship in the Classroom: A guide for teachers can help you develop global citizenship through the teaching of almost any topic.

Please note:

- The idea is not to rewrite every lesson that you teach, but simply to be aware of where you can make global connections.
- Sometimes you will be able to develop schemes of work which use all parts of the framework, while on other occasions you may use just one or two parts of it. •

Framework

The framework on page 10,

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/global-citizenship/global-citizenship-guides,

Global Citizenship in the Classroom: A guide for teachers is cyclical rather than linear – any stage can be approached, developed or revisited at any point. Below is an example of how the framework could be applied to the topic of water.

- Assessing learning
- Asking questions
- Responding as active global citizens
- Making connections
- Exploring viewpoints and values

Participation in learning and decision-making

- To be effective global citizens, learners need to be flexible, creative and proactive.
- They need to be able to solve problems, make decisions, think critically, communicate ideas effectively and work well within teams and groups.
- These skills and attributes are increasingly recognised as being essential to succeed in other areas of 21st century life too, including many workplaces.

The Role of the Teacher

From	То
Teacher-centred classroom	Learner-centred classroom
Product-centred learning	Process-centred learning
Teacher as a transmitter of knowledge	Teacher as an organiser of knowledge
Teacher as a 'doer' for learners	Teacher as an 'enabler'
Subject-specific focus	Holistic learning focus

Source: Active Learning and Teaching Methods for Key Stage 3 @2007 The Partnership Management Board

The Role of the Learner

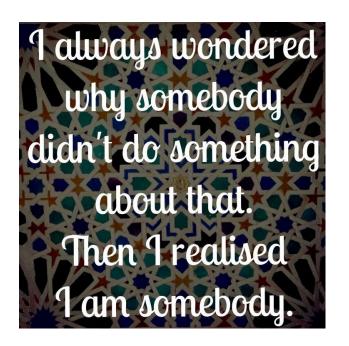
From	То
Passive recipients of knowledge	Active and participatory learners
Answering questions	Asking questions
Being spoon-fed	Taking responsibility for their own learning
Competing with one another	Collaborating in their learning
Wanting to have their own say	Actively listening to the opinions of others
Learning individual subjects	Connecting their learning

Source: Active Learning and Teaching Methods for Key Stage 3 @2007 The Partnership Management Board

How to Change The World Video

Kid President:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z7gDsSKUmU

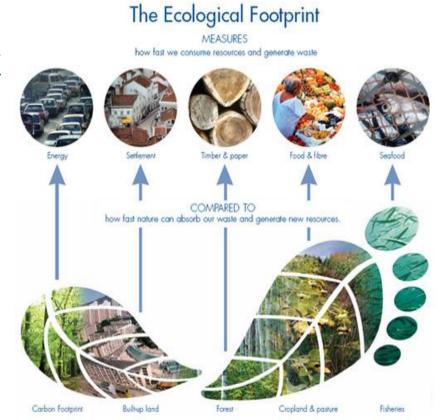


Ecological Footprint

https://islandwood.org/footprint-calculator/

http://www.footprintnetwork.org

/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators



United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

https://www.unicef.org/crc/files/Rights_overview.pdf

http://peacefulschoolsinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/childrens_rights_a_tea chers_guide.pdf:

Why Teach about Rights - P.6

Strategies for Different Subjects - P. 8-10

Teaching Children's Rights Through Arts:

http://www.csea3.mediajunction.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/R5-UNICEFCRthruArts.pdf

Compassionate Communication

Compassionate Communication (CC) or Non Violent Communication (NVC) is a way of interacting that facilitates the flow of communication needed to exchange information and resolve differences *peacefully*. It *focuses on shared human values and needs*, and encourages the use of language that increases goodwill and avoidance of language that contributes to resentment or lowered self-esteem.

Empathetically Listening and Honestly Expressing:

- Observations
- Feelings
- Needs
- Requests

See handout on members page.

Conflict Resolution Skills Training

http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/high/hinsdale-central-high-school/

Skills handout:

http://www.character.org/uploads/PDFs/NSOC/2009_NSOC_Lesson_Plans/Hinsd ale/Hinsdale_CRT_Skills_Handout_and_Poster.pdf

The Art of Dialogue

"Dialogue is more structured than conversation, but less structured than discussion or debate. Dialogue engages people in building their understanding of an issue, without the pressure to make decisions or be "right." People inquire into ideas, rather than advocate for their own or others' ideas."

"Notice the differences in word choice and syntax. Phrases such as, "I'm wondering _____," "I'm curious," "I'm interested," "It might be _____," or "What if we ... " are common in dialogue. These phrases slow the pace of speaking, giving people a chance to think and then share their own thoughts. Dialogue feels like a flow of ideas as people listen and stay with an idea for a few minutes. In contrast, discussion is often fast-paced and clipped; one person after another states an opinion, and people rarely build on one another's ideas."

See Guidelines for Dialogue.

See http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/apr15/vol72/num07/The-Art-of-Dialogue.aspx for more details.

Cultivating Peace

For grades 10-12:

http://cultivatingpeace.ca/pdfs/CPCCengPDF.pdf

Book Recommendations

"We are One" by Jennifer Black

"Allah Loves Me" - www.NoorArt.com

Book list from "Give Your Child the World -Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time" - Jamie C. Martin

13 Children's Books That Encourage Kindness Towards Others:

https://www.buzzfeed.com/emeynardie/13-childrens-books-that-encourage-kindness-toward-26paw?utm_term=.buOP4B5xB#.eo68Yx1gx

Assignment

Select one of the strands and age appropriate activities for each of Knowledge and Understanding, Skills, and Values and attitudes from the links below and incorporate them into an already existing lesson or lessons you have or one or more of the activities we discussed in this training module. Explain how you incorporated them into your lesson and interesting student responses or actions you observed.

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/global-citizenship/global-citizenship-guides , Education for Global Citizenship: A guide for schools, P. 16-21

Please submit your assignment at the following link by December 12, 2016:

https://goo.gl/forms/DrXVIdt1w4hWD7Cj1

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- 2- http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/global-citizenship