



Creating Global Citizens at the Local Level

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Summary Points

- How do we make sure that global community based learning is not another neo-colonial project?
- It is essential that the focus be on learning and reciprocity.
- The reality is that most students will not have the opportunity to engage in overseas education abroad. It is therefore imperative that we focus on the local and leverage the learning available in local contexts. Given the diversity of issues there is much to learn.
- Students must understand that at the local and/or global level they are not there to teach community or fix issues. They are there principally to learn from the community and understand their participation in finding solutions.
- It is essential that investment be made in preparing students before any immersive experience. Orientation is essential. During the experience, it is critical to emphasize the importance of reflection. Post-trip follow up is important.
- Intentions are not enough - outcomes very much matter.