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Developing global citizens through intercultural dialogue:

A global citizenship education
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ABOUT GENERATION GLOBAL PROGRAMME

With 1.8 billion people aged 10 to 24, we have the world's largest youth population in history. Digital technologies have become an indispensable part of the lives of young people, transforming the way they learn, connect with friends, and engage with society. As these dual forces become inextricably intertwined, young people that we educate today will live alongside, work with and relate to peers with the widest possible range of cultural backgrounds, beliefs, values and perspectives than any time in history.

To add to this, the world is facing numerous pressing global issues, including climate change, poverty, inequality, lack of education, unemployment, violence, and health challenges. These issues are all interconnected and demand a collaborative effort to address them. As the next generation, young people have immense potential to drive change and develop innovative solutions to make a difference.

Therefore, it is essential to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a diverse and interconnected world. This includes fostering an understanding of these global challenges and their interconnectedness, embracing diversity positively, promoting values such as peace, justice, and sustainability, and taking action – all of which are important distinctions in global citizenship.

Generation Global works with young people aged 13 to 17 to prepare them for the future by providing them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become active and open-minded global citizens. We believe intercultural dialogue is at the heart of meaningful human connections and young people's ability to authentically engage as global citizens.

Our pedagogy consists of a set of five core skills that can be taught, and young people can develop and master these skills with practice.

Global Communication



The ability to speak authentically when communicating across cultures by sharing personal stories, values, and perspectives and respecting differing or challenging views of others.

Active Listening



The ability to listen to others, understand what they are saying, and show empathy and recognition.

Critical Thinking



The ability to evaluate, analyse and interpret information about self, others, and the world.

Asking Questions

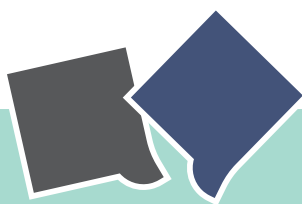


The ability to inquire for deeper understanding, inclusion of all voices, and to move the dialogue forward.

Reflection



The ability to evaluate and assess our own and others experiences of dialogue and the impact it has on our own development.



Dialogue is a way of communicating with and understanding each other, rather than looking for the right answer. It is about creating spaces where all people can feel safe from harm, brave enough to say what they need to say, and have their voices heard regardless of their background or identity.

"I firmly believe that dialogue is key to creating safe and empathic spaces for everyone. In my classes, I use 'Essentials of Dialogue' so that students know the importance of dialogue, and I book Video Conferences with people from all over the world so that my students can learn different perspectives and put into practice their dialogue skills."

– Paula Marty, Educator from Mexico

EDUCATOR AND LEARNER RESOURCES

Ultimate Dialogue Adventure

The Ultimate Dialogue Adventure (UDA) is an immersive and fun online game for young people aged 13-17 to develop five core dialogue skills, explore 14+ global topics, and build intercultural connections with peers from all over the world through written and live dialogues.



The UDA is available as both an online platform and Mobile App. This gives young people the flexibility to receive real-time notifications, access content offline, and engage even in low-bandwidth situations. It also aligns with Web Accessibility Initiative 2.1 guidelines, ensuring accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Teacher Portal

An online platform for educators to access educational resources, book video conferences, engage in dialogue with global educators, and access certified professional development training courses to teach and develop the skills of dialogue in their learning communities.



The platform also serves as a Learning Management System allowing educators to create and manage groups of learners enrolled in the Ultimate Dialogue Adventure.

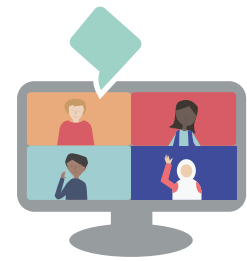
Educator Materials

A collection of downloadable guides and curriculum that provide dialogue skills-building activities, lesson plans and information resources to teach about specific global issues and topics inside or outside the classroom. These contemporary topics align well with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and include topics such as Wealth and Poverty, The Rights of Women and Girls, Climate Change, Human Trafficking, and many others.



Video Conferences

60-minute interactive online dialogues for young people on global issues facilitated by one of Generation Global's trained experts in intercultural dialogue. This is a real-time synchronous video dialogue that allows for direct face-to-face communication with global peers. It's a safe and inclusive online space where young people can interact, connect, and learn from peers around the world.



In this way, video conferences allow young people to learn about different countries and cultures, compare values and experiences on today's most pressing global issues, boost self-confidence, and develop critical thinking skills.

“Being part of the Generation Global team made me feel like I can change the world for the better. I have developed some extremely important skills such as open mindedness and possibility of finding common ground with representatives of different cultures and beliefs.”

– Daria, Alumni Moderator from Ukraine

“I have been associated with Generation Global for more than a decade now. This well-moderated and safeguarded digital platform has provided my students to educate, empower, engage and enrich themselves and their peers by engaging in respecting dialogue on a broad range of global issues through video conferences and Ultimate Dialogue Adventure.”

– Sapna Bakshi, Suncity School, India

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE PROGRAMME



1

Global exposure for learners to connect with thousands of peers from 40+ countries



2

Valuable certification for both young people and educators



3

Equip young people with essential 21st Century Skills including communication and critical thinking skills



4

Access flexible educational resources and professional development courses



5

Become part of an international community of schools and changemakers committed to global citizenship



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Thanks to philanthropic funding, our programme is available to use free of cost

“Generation Global has taught me to oversee and rethink the current educational system, to reshape our perspectives on the values of our individual and social lives, to redesign curriculum to meet student needs, and to truly believe that there are always lessons we can learn from what is happening in the world right now.”

– Ahmad Thohir Yoga, Educator from Indonesia

OUR IMPACT

Our model has been tried and tested in partnership with seven governments and our resources are recognised as best practice by the UK Department for Education, UNESCO, the Brookings Institute, and the National Council for Social Studies.



Established since **2009**



Reaching **600,000+** young people across 6 continents



Upskilling **15,000+** Teachers



Connecting young people globally through **5,200+** Video Conferences



Touching the lives of young people in **40+** Countries



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The whole purpose of Generation Global programme is to use technology to get across to as many students as we can in the world, the ability, and the capacity to think in an open-minded way towards the other, towards those that are different. This will to better operate in the world we live in.

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– Tony Blair

Executive Chairman, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

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