

# WORLD CITIZEN CLUB PROGRAM

## Creating a World Citizen Club at your School

### Advocate and Educate

Become an advocate for world peace through world law; educate about the philosophy of world citizenship.

### Build Community

Work with other global-minded groups and individuals to engage all persons in building a truly worldwide community.

### Support World Citizenship

Host events that reinforce the ideas of world citizenship, world peace, and world law.

## What is the World Citizen Club Program?

A grassroots movement, sponsored by the World Service Authority® (WSA), to engage the world's youth and young adults in world citizenship education and activism, and to encourage youth to play an integral role in being world peacemakers.

Individual World Citizen Clubs will endeavor to:

1. Advocate and Educate
2. Build community
3. Support awareness of and respect for universal rights and world citizenship



# Getting Started

## ***Step 1: Establish an Initial Community***

Gather a group of your fellow students who have a shared interest in world citizenship and human rights.

Make sure that this initial group of students has enough members to fill the minimum number of executive positions to start an organization at your school/university.

For example: many schools only require a president and a treasurer, but find out the specifics for your school/university.

## ***Step 2: Determine an Organizational Structure***

There are two potential structures for students to pursue:

### **Grassroots Clubs**

These clubs will focus on direct involvement in local, national, and global communities. They will develop, organize, and sponsor global-minded programs, projects, events, and actions to foster the precepts of world citizenship, peace, and law.

## **World Service Authority's Vision**

World Service Authority aims to promote the concepts of world citizenship, world law, and universal human rights in order to achieve lasting world peace. All humans have a shared citizenship and a responsibility to be sustainable stewards of the planet. Ultimately, we hope that the World Citizen Clubs will encourage everyone to be engaged world citizens, to develop a sense of global community, and to participate in global service activities.

### **Club Associations**

These associations will focus on engaging and uniting like-minded student groups in joint actions and events. They will infuse the ideas of world citizenship and global community into other organization's events by providing guidelines or requirements

### ***Step 3: Find an Advisor***

Find an advisor to provide guidance and oversight. This person can be a college professor or high school teacher, or potentially a trustworthy adult member of the community.

*Try to think of your advisor as someone who can assist with local networking. They may prove to be integral in your efforts to reach a wider audience and expand the impact of your club.*

### ***Step 4: Generate Club Guidelines***

With assistance from your advisor, prepare outlines for the documents you will need. These will help you frame your efforts in the context of world citizenship and global community building. Many schools will also require one or both of the following documents to allow your club to exist on campus:

- A constitution, which should provide guidelines for club members, rules for membership, and list the duties of each executive position.
- A schedule for potential club events. On the following page is a list of some events that World Citizen Clubs can host.



## Potential Events

Celebrations of global community, like:

- Heritage food potlucks
- Heritage dance demonstrations
- Days of cultural significance

Explore global stories through:

- World literature
- World music
- World art
- World film

Invite speakers for topics such as:

- Human rights; international law; immigration law; peace studies; and international authors.

Arrange student forums on pressing topics

Organize student dialogue with:

- Local governments, businesses, NGOs, & non-profit organizations

Organize a Model World Parliament

Set up student-to-student study abroad debriefings

Provide refugee assistance through:

- Food Drives
- Monetary donations
- Housing campaigns

Fundraise for natural disaster relief

Conduct local environmental work

- Tree planting
- Park/beach cleanups

Collaborate on projects with other organizations

Participate in voter registration drives

Develop World Citizen Action Committees

Attend globally-themed events involving:

- Public speakers
- Theatrical productions
- Musical performances/concerts
- Demonstrations/protests
- International development projects

Visit peace sites, memorials, and museums

Attend local and global political events

Media generation

- Art/graphic design/create signs
- Literature/poetry
- Film/video/photography
- Music/songs

Letter-writing campaigns

Social media campaigns

Online discussions with students from different parts of the world

Display the World Citizen Flag and the Earth Flag on campuses

Documentary screenings on:

- Garry Davis (Founder of WSA)
- Human rights
- Climate change

Participate in WSA's "I am a world citizen" campaign

Celebrate important dates like:

- World Citizen Action Day on May 25
- World Citizen Day on July 27

"My Country is the World" readings

### ***Step 5: Obtain Club Status***

File the appropriate paperwork and petition your school for official clubs status. Paperwork varies depending on your school, so remember to speak with your club advisor to help meet your school guidelines.

Obtaining club status at your school may provide additional resources and privileges offered to officially recognized clubs.

### ***Step 6: Register Your Club With World Service Authority***

Go to [www.worldservice.org](http://www.worldservice.org) to register your World Citizen Club with World Service Authority. When you officially register your club, you will commit to following the expected terms of behavior for WSA affiliated organizations.

With our partner organization, Citizens for Global Solutions ([www.globalsolutions.org](http://www.globalsolutions.org)), the WSA will provide guidance to registered World Citizen Clubs. The WSA will also provide information & materials such as:

- WSA promotional platform
- Contact information for other registered clubs
- Access to various digital materials
- T-shirt designs, buttons, and other swag



### ***Step 7: Moving Forward***

By following the previous steps, you are well along the road to creating an effective World Citizen Club.

Start recruiting new members, organizing your first event, and bringing the world closer together!

### ***What is World Citizenship?***

A recognition by the individual human of their rights and duties within the world community itself. It implies that the individual enjoys and uses world empowerment politically, that is, in the structuring of society.