

Global Citizenship

SDGs Covered:



Experience

Undertake **one** activity related to **each** of the following:

1. Learn what it means to be a global citizen (and develop empathy for others)

These activities will help you **understand** what it means to be a global citizen and be able to **empathise** with people in other communities.

- Invite three different speakers to share their story of experiencing another country or culture – we often learn best through the stories/experiences of others. After they have visited, create a story, poem, play, or other creative display to demonstrate what you have learned from their presentation.
- What is a country you have always wanted to visit? Plan a possible future trip to that country. Where would you visit? What would you eat? Where would you stay? What is the climate like? What kind of clothes would you need to take? Try out some of their food which you might find locally.
- Check the country of origin of all the food and materials you use in a week in your household. On a map of the world, pin-point all the countries. Find out how they travel from the origin country to New Zealand, and then to the store where you purchased it.

2. Find out about Scouting internationally

These activities will help you **understand** how Scouting takes place around the world and **recognise** the similarities and differences from your Scouting experience.

- Take part in JOTA/JOTI and aim to talk to Scouts from at least 5 other countries. Find out what it's like where they live and how Scouting there is different/similar to where you are. Share your findings with your group.
- Are there nearby Scouts or Kaiārahi who have attended a jamboree in another country? Ask them to share their experience with you or your group. Ask them why they wanted to attend, and what they thought of the experience. Where is the next event you could go to?
- Find out which other countries have Scouts around the world. Which three countries were a surprise to you to learn they have Scouts? Find out what

they do at their Scout meetings, their promise, law, motto, and uniform. What is familiar to you? What is unique to their country?

3. Discover the big global challenges (and how each country is connected)

These activities will help you **recognise** some of the biggest challenges around the world and **realise** how all countries are interconnected.

- Learn what the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are and share them with your group. Find out who formed them, what they mean, and how they are being actioned. Choose one that you are most interested in, and research more about it.
- Hold a debate on a current global issue. This could be child poverty, free education, climate change, hunger, access to water, burkini ban, marriage equality, or any other topic that captures your interest. Make sure you talk about what has caused the challenge and how other countries are affected or could assist.
- Research New Zealand's involvement with the United Nations. Who is our representative on the different councils? Does the UN do enough as a representative of 'all' countries? What else should it be doing? Share your findings with your group.

4. Recognise some actions you can take to be more globally aware

Be able to **demonstrate** some actions to become a more globally aware citizen and **recognise** how these actions will make a difference.

- Pick a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) which is most important to you, and design your own logo or poster promoting the goal and detailing how you can help make it happen.
- Why is it so important for New Zealanders to vote? What impact does one person voting (local government elections, national elections, regional councils) have on global decisions? Everyone over 18 has the opportunity to vote, yet so many don't. Why do you think this is? What could be done to increase the involvement in politics?
- Support the events taking place in your community which represent other cultures, e.g. the International Cultural Festival, Lantern Festival, Chinese New Year.

Act

- Learn about the work of organisations like Amnesty International and help with one of their campaigns.
- Team up with an existing Scouting project elsewhere in the world and support it.
- Find out if any refugees settle in your local community. Get in touch with the Red Cross to find out the best way to support and assist new refugees who may be moving into the area.

