

iEARN International Education And Resource Network

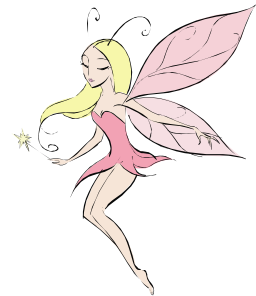
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iEARN CIVICS - *Youth Volunteerism and Community Service*

Introduction:

Civics is an action based collaborative online project in which young people will get an opportunity to evaluate the social issues in their immediate and extended communities collaboratively and then respond to them by action projects in their immediate communities.

The project forum will serve as a platform for young people to be actively involved in their communities. Groups of students will be guided to work around Millennium Development Goals focusing issues like environment, eradication of poverty, women education, education and literacy for and to respond some of these issues through a process of reflection , dialogue and action.



How it works:

- Teachers will be encouraged to prepare their classes be community volunteers, engage them in community mapping and planning community service projects that focuses the identified themes as part of their classroom curriculum.
- The groups then choose one of the issues to attend to locally, and develop a plan for short term or long term community service projects.
- These plans are posted in the project forums, others groups gives feedback and once the plans are fine tuned the groups begin working on it.
- Once the project is implemented, students post their report along with pictures in the project forum.
- The project also collaborates with the Global Youth Service Day. GYSD is the largest annual celebration of young volunteers, where millions of young people in countries everywhere highlight and carry out thousands of community improvement projects.

Timeline: September – May (every year)

- Every year the Civics project encourages students to begin planning and working on their projects around September.
- The groups plans community service projects and post their plans and implement them. Around January-February of the following the students begin posting their projects reports and pictures in time to join other celebrating GYSD around the world.
- The Civics forum provides a range of resources including
- From May to June students work on presenting their project outcomes at the iEARN Annual Conference.

Expected Outcomes:

PowerPoint presentations, collection of successful community service project plans, videos reports and animations.

Activity:

- **Log into the CIVICS Forum at: <http://foro.iearn.org/1e678dc3/>.**
- **Download a planning template from the resource section.**
- **Complete this planning template for a small community project.**