I Want to be an Ambassador! Video: “What Does it Mean to be Culturally Curious”

Science shows it’s common to for humans to fear what we do not understand. But an understanding of, and respect for, other cultures and diverse viewpoints is the key to collaborating and solving problems that benefit all of society. Educators from the World Affairs Council and Global Minds, both in Pittsburgh, PA, help teens understand what it means to be “culturally curious.” They also explain easy-to-understand methods for teens to explore and appreciate cultural traditions, viewpoints, and practices that differ from their own.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VALUE OF EXPLORING OTHER CULTURES WITH HEALTHY CURIOSITY AND RESPECT FOR DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS, VALUES, AND WAYS OF LIFE.

The Cultural Iceberg (video) - British Columbia Public Engagement

Enjoy this easy-to-understand video explaining the Cultural Iceberg Model, which was created by anthropologist Edward T. Hall in the 1970’s.

Global Minds Initiative – Change Your Mind. Change The World

Explore this for-youth-by-youth organization and its mission to promote cultural curiosity. Then, find (or start!) a local chapter in your area.

Meet the teen founder of Global Minds Initiative – Peyton Klein (video)

When she was 15 years old, Peyton Klein turned her own cultural curiosity into a national movement! Watch and be inspired by Peyton’s story, in her own words.

World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh- Global Education Program for Students

Learn about the skills necessary to navigate a complex, diverse, and increasingly interdependent world at this portal designed especially for young people.

Peace Corps – Culture Is Like An Iceberg – Student Activities
Explore this fascinating discussion guide to understand visible and invisible aspects of culture. Then, use this worksheet to explore your own observations about different cultures in your community.

**World Affairs Report Podcast**
Learn about global issues in these half-hour conversations with experts on national, international and local topics.

**World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh YouTube Channel**
Explore videos ranging from speeches from global leaders to celebrations of different cultural customs – and, learn more about youth programs to inspire the next generation of global leaders!

**One Young World – A Global Forum For Young Leaders**
Learn about this dynamic organization that identifies, connects and promotes young leaders, giving them a global platform to promote peace and solve problems. Want to be a delegate at the next world gathering of One Young World leaders? See how you can attend, and explore scholarship opportunities!

**TMA WORLD-Borderless Learning – Cultural Curiosity – Why it’s an Essential Trait of Successful Leaders**
Life in a global society requires leaders with a global perspective. Learn why cultural curiosity is a key trait of a successful leader.

**MissionBox Blog – How to Talk about Cultural Competence**
Cultural competence is having an awareness of one’s own cultural identity and views about differences. Use this guide to explore – and expand – your own cultural competence.

**Nature’s Path – 15 Activities for Kids to Learn About Different Cultures**
From exploring music to cooking new foods, dive in to this fun list of activities to learn about and celebrate different cultures around the world.

**UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) – Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity**
Explore this comprehensive explanation of UNESCO’s guiding principles on cultural diversity and international solidarity.
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