



Global Education

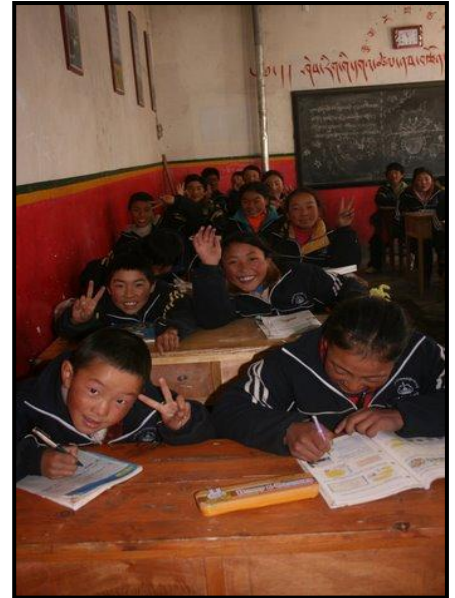
United Planet's global network of leaders and volunteers strives to foster cross-cultural understanding and address shared challenges in order to unite the world in a community beyond borders.

Education: The First Step to a United Planet

Education is the key to unlocking the vast potential that all human beings share. It is a key to providing a better life, and a vital bridge to enhancing cross-cultural understanding. United Planet is deeply committed to global education and fostering educational development and innovation through a comprehensive range of programs.

United Planet's education programs provide teacher and student exchanges, face-to-face and through the newest technologies, worldwide. Education professionals volunteer for up to a year in other countries, doing everything from teaching English to providing professional development seminars on the cutting edge of international educational systems.

United Planet strives to facilitate the sharing of the best global practices in education by partnering with superior schools, school districts, and ministries around the world. Through United Planet's vast global network, educators share best practices across borders and prepare students to compete in the global economy.



This kind of international collaboration leads to the achievement of educational excellence and greater cross-cultural respect and understanding. Educators across borders are empowered to pass on their rich cross-cultural experiences and lessons learned to generations of future students creating a great multiplier effect and lasting impact.

Supporting Education Worldwide

United Planet supports education projects in many countries throughout the world, including:

Cambodia

United Planet volunteers from around the world teach English, Japanese, Thai and other languages to children and young adults to provide them the necessary tools to find employment in an area which relies heavily on international trade and tourism. In addition, volunteers mentor public school teachers and students in everything from sports to science.

Nepal

Volunteers are needed to teach at schools in Kathmandu and in various rural locations located around the Himalayas. Volunteers will assist local teachers in a variety of subjects such as English, Math, and Science, as well as subjects such as public speaking and money management.

Tibet

United Planet volunteers have the chance to teach English in remote areas of Tibet. Volunteers can teach at a day school for primary and secondary students. There is also need at an English Training Center that offers extracurricular activities in the evening for students. Volunteers can also help out at evening English classes. The center is open full time during school vacations as well.

Costa Rica

In Costa Rica, volunteers can help in government-run primary school classrooms located in San Jose. They will support teachers with classes and activities for the children. Many volunteers also help in the administration offices. *Intermediate to Advanced Spanish required.*

Chile

The Chilean government is striving to make Chile a bilingual country. English is taught in all schools from the first to the twelfth grade. United Planet volunteers will work as English teaching assistants to local English teachers in government subsidized schools. They will work closely with the English teachers, developing lessons plans, providing small group tutoring and correcting tests. Volunteers will also be involved in other activities such as singing and storytelling, especially with younger students.

United Planet also offers a special teaching program for high school students in the summer for specific two week periods. Volunteers will assist Chilean English teachers in their elementary classrooms in a poor area of Santiago. *No Spanish is required for Chile teaching programs.*

Ecuador

Volunteers are needed to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and their families through education and social support at a school in Quito. Volunteers will help with pronunciation, listening and conversational skills. They will also help with daily tasks and organizing group activities. *Basic Spanish is required.*

Ghana

In Ghana, a country known for its friendliness and hospitality, volunteers are invited to jump in and immerse themselves in the culture. Volunteers can work at a primary or secondary school in the Biakpa Village. There are not enough teachers available as many are often going on strike. Volunteers will teach English, Science, Math, Geography, or vocational skills.

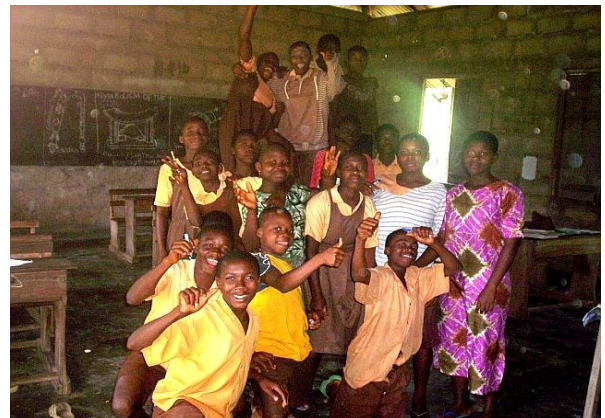
Tanzania

By helping to bring educational opportunities to all classes of society, United Planet is developing bonds of greater understanding, friendship, and cooperation. United Planet supports a private nursery and a primary English school which uses a Tanzanian curriculum. Volunteers help with lessons in all subjects, and provide IT and teacher training. There are plans to open a secondary school and provide classes for toddlers.

How You Can Help

Volunteer! United Planet's education programs are very popular among volunteers and there are many opportunities for both short-term and long-term volunteers to make a critical difference worldwide.

United Planet Global Education Fund supports educational program development around the world, with an emphasis on improving the quality of education and providing opportunities for a better future for students. United Planet is seeking scholarships to enable professional teachers to work for one year as part of a mutual exchange program. All donations go directly to support educational program development worldwide!



"Volunteering abroad was probably the best decision I've ever made. While I'm only 18, I feel like I've gained a lifetime of knowledge and experience. I definitely have the "travel bug" and will continue to travel and volunteer in the future. Thank you United Planet for getting me started!"

-Jennifer Hicks, United Planet Cambodia