Creating Successful Partnerships for Global Civic Engagement through Volunteer Abroad Programs

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What are YOUR learning goals?
UCO Program Development and Creation

1. UCO Goals and Short Term Study Tours
   a. Impact Learning versus Point and Click
   b. Traveler versus Tourist – Globalization
   c. Building Perspective
2. University Capacity
3. Developing Tour with Valuable Outcomes
4. Planning and Development
United Planet Mission

Relational Diplomacy

Foster cross-cultural understanding while addressing our shared challenges to unite the world in a community beyond borders.
United Planet Programs

Immersion
- Homestays (group housing options)
- Volunteer work and local organizations
- Language classes
- Cultural Activities
- Excursions
- Lectures for groups
- 24/7 support on ground
- Customized program development

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Short-term Quests (1-12 weeks) in 10 countries

Long-term Quests (6 or 12 months) in 32 countries

International Internships – credit-bearing or not in 10 countries

Customized group programs
United Planet’s Role in University Partnerships

• Deep & on-going relationships with host communities
• Logistics planning & execution
• Risk Management planning and policies
• Customized program creation
• 24/7 support on ground
United Planet Sample Partnerships
Student Learning and Impact

1. Transformative Learning Process
2. Research Goals
3. Student Data and Outcomes
   a. Journaling as Reflection
   b. Final Paper
   c. Student Results
Questions, Comments, Insights