

Creating Successful Partnerships for Global Civic Engagement through Volunteer Abroad Programs

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UCO & United Planet



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What are YOUR learning goals?



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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.



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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

United Planet Programs

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

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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



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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



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