

Global Citizenship Live Lesson – High School

Pre-recorded Workshop

Live Assembly on Friday 27th January

Main aim of the lesson:

Global Citizenship can sometimes be felt as an abstract concept that can get lost in between terms and subjects like ‘human rights’, ‘responsibilities’, ‘Global Goals’, ‘climate justice’... But what does it really mean to be a citizen of today’s world? And what do we want to pass on to our younger generations if we are aiming at building a better place for all? Is it superhero strength and futuristic skills? Or is it connecting back to our most primal but important human values and capacities?

Through this lesson and associated activities, we aim for pupils to

- Develop their awareness of the connections and interdependence we have with people all over the world.
- Explore the importance of developing empathy, helping us to understand that all humans are similar and important, and carry their own stories.
- Practice kindness as a way of connecting to others, helping them to become positive citizens of our planet.

This session is relevant for a wide range of subjects, including English, Geography, Social Studies and Modern Studies.

Contents of workshop:

- Exploration of the meaning of ‘Global Citizenship’, with an emphasis on human capacity for cooperation and kindness.
- Activity: ‘Your Global Map – Connected’ in which pupils will create a map showing all the connections your class or school has with the rest of the world.
- Discussion on the similarities we all share, despite external differences and that everyone has a story to tell that we can learn from.
- Reading of ‘The Day War Came’ poem by Nicola Davies with associated discussion. You can view the full poem in an [article by The Guardian](#) from 2016.
- Activity: ‘Every Person a Story’ in which pupils will write a story from someone else’s perspective to help them develop empathy for other people.

Host: Nicola Davidson, Keep Scotland Beautiful

Format: The lesson is a pre-recorded presentation, with regular pausing points for in class discussions, followed by two class activities. The presentation is 17 minutes long and the associated activities will likely take one to two lessons to complete.

Lesson resources: The lesson recording and resources for the associated activities will be available on our [Global Citizenship Live Lesson page](#). You can also access the lesson recording on [YouTube](#).

Invitation to take action

As part of the Live Lesson on Global Citizenship and inspired on the messages of empathy, hope and kindness that this lesson wishes to spread, we would like to invite pupils to think of and carry out an act of kindness that they could do that would bring someone a smile. This can be someone in their school, local community, or global community. This activity is introduced in the pre-recorded presentation.

Invitation to take the lesson further

If you enjoyed the 'Every Person a Story' activity, you can take it further by building relationships with older people in your community and learning about their stories. Scottish Book Trust has a fantastic resource to help with this: [How to run an intergenerational writing project](#).

Friday 27th

Celebratory Assembly

Host: Catriona Rae, Keep Scotland Beautiful

Contents of assembly:

Friday's assembly will be an instance to go over the main learnings during the week of live and pre-recorded lessons, to answer any questions sent to our experts, and to display the work that schools and nurseries will share with us throughout the week. Please share images of your pupils' work no later than 3.30pm on Thursday 26th January.