



# GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

## What is Global Citizenship?

Global Citizenship encompasses a range of values and elements that individuals are encouraged to adopt into their everyday lives.

These values include an awareness for the world around them and the issues that are of concern, a high level of respect for diversity, a commitment to social justice and equality, and a willingness to contribute to the community at local as well as global levels. This may seem a daunting prospect to undertake in an educational setting, but many of us incorporate elements of Global Citizenship without realising.

Becoming a Global Citizen allows societies across the world to become part of an interconnected community that strives to achieve quality and sustainability for nature and for each other.

## Are Different Elements Included?

Yes! Global Citizenship is an umbrella term that encompasses elements of all areas of society, from environmental, political, and economical.

These elements can and should be accessible to children of all ages to ensure that from a young age their voices are being heard and they are able to explore and understand the complexity of global issues.

Due to the wide area that this term covers, it can be adapted throughout all areas of learning and development. This can be through questions to and from children about differences and similarities of countries, gender, ethnicity and cultures, in addition to ensuring that children are able to access learning resources such as reading books that challenge social stereotypes.

## Why should we be Global Citizens?

Every year the increase in technological advancement means that we are becoming more and more able to connect to the world around us.

This development provides many opportunities for our children to gain a desire to understand, explore and contribute to the health and wellbeing of present and future generations, as a society and as environmental advocates; becoming 'agents of change'.

Allowing children to develop into globally aware and responsible adults will enable them to make positive connections between cultures and societies and create a global community that allows equality and opportunities for all.

## Simple Steps to Global Citizenship

- **Encourage curiosity toward the world**
- **Join local community groups**
- **Allow opportunities for children to explore issues that affect other children**
- **Initiate and take part in local and global initiatives**
- **Teach others what you have learned**
- **Promote connections between social groups**
- **Allow access to a wide range of inclusive and diverse learning resources**



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## ACTIVITY 1

### WONDERFUL WORLD WEEK

Wonderful World Week can be introduced to children to encourage their natural curiosity about the world around them.

Activities can include engagement in local community projects, connecting to early years providers in a different part of the world, and having themed meals and activities that incorporate a range of cultures.

Encouraging role play that allows children to develop an understanding of money and currency will also allow opportunities for critical thinking, creativity and communication development.

### Resources Required

Paper

Felt Tip Pens & Pencil Crayons

Story Books

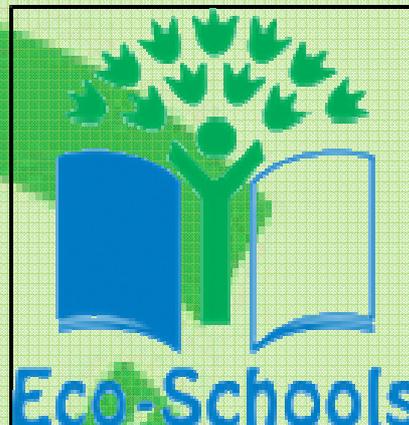
Themed Foods

### Activity

Introduce children to their own cultures, as well as cultures that differ from their through story books.

Encourage children to notice similarities between countries and people, and allow for exploration for the differences and similarities to be understood.

Themed lunches can be introduced each day which would allow children to understand where the food has come from, how it has been grown, why it grows there. Children can be encouraged to explore textures, colours, similarities and differences between different food sources and will develop an understanding of where in the world their food comes from and why the people there grow it instead of growing the same food as they grow in their own gardens.



### 0—2 Suggestions

Promote movement and rhyme, and singing songs related to the environment. Introduce music from around the world. Promote themed meals and encourage smaller children to try food products from around the world. Introduce culture through a wide range of story books. Allow small children to be immersed in a setting rich in diversity by encouraging community participation through open days, celebration of festivals from around the world.