

# What is global education?

The world is an amazing place. You can go on-line and “talk” to someone you’ve never met. You find out you have many things in common with this person - that’s when friendships start. Wouldn’t it be great if all the kids in the world could get together to talk about what’s important to them, and what they would like the world to be like? You would find out that what we do in Canada affects the whole planet, whether it’s how we care for the environment or how we cooperate with other countries on issues like children’s health and education.

Global education is a way to discuss your concerns. Global means focused on the world or the countries of the world. The idea of the “global community” emphasizes that people can understand one another better and cooperate to make the world a better place. Through global education you can discuss your concerns about issues that affect people around the world. Pollution, poverty and violence are problems that everyone shares. You can

educate yourself and others about these problems and - most importantly - take action to promote the idea that everyone - including kids - can work together to find solutions.

Sometimes it’s difficult to imagine that problems in the world can be resolved. But people are working together to change things. This is happening not just in your community, but around the world. Wouldn’t it be great to start your own club, plan your own projects and share the story of what you did with young people just like you in another country? You can also involve teachers, parents and others in the community. Use the Kids Who Care Student’s Action Guide, produced by Foster Parents Plan, to get started.



## Read on for information about:

- starting an environmental or global education club in your school or community;
- deciding what kinds of environmental and global education projects members of your group would like to do;
- knowing your rights and the rights of children around the world;
- how other young people have made successful projects happen in places like Ecuador, Tanzania and the Philippines;
- ideas for global education projects;
- how to figure out what you have learned and what you want to do differently next time;

