

United Planet Chapters

Virtual Exchange Global School Network



About

United Planet's Virtual Chapters Classroom to Classroom Exchange engages students from geographically diverse communities—urban, rural and indigenous communities—in the north and south of the United States, Africa, Middle East, and Europe. Using technology-mediated communication platforms, Moodle and Zoom, the program promotes civic engagement, and equitable learning through Project-Based and Place-Based Learning. Globally diverse schools work together in small groups, to engage in collaborative, bi-weekly Colloquium and Conversation Cafe's to help build bridges to cross-cultural understanding and empathy. All activities are designed to advance social inclusion through an intercultural learning environment. Multimedia Capstone Projects focus on economic development, climate change, health, and education. Participants harness the knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals to broaden their understanding of globally significant challenges.

Vision

To promote peace and tolerance through global collaboration of unrepresented youth with the potential of promoting economic growth and shared prosperity. CNN selected United Planet as one of only ten organizations worldwide, which allows young people to “Be the Change that they wish to see in the world”.

Ideal for

Virtual Chapters are perfect for any middle school or high school looking to:

- Gain 21st-century skills.
- Develop an entrepreneurial mindset and critical thinking skills to solve today's issues.
- Strengthen civic engagement.

” *My students have no opportunities to connect with others who are different from them. United Planet Virtual Exchange helped my students grow and connect with a broader world.* ”

Dr. Steven Berbeco, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Hopi Schools

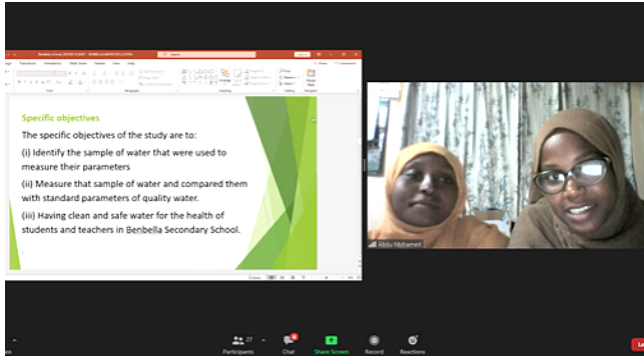


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Modules

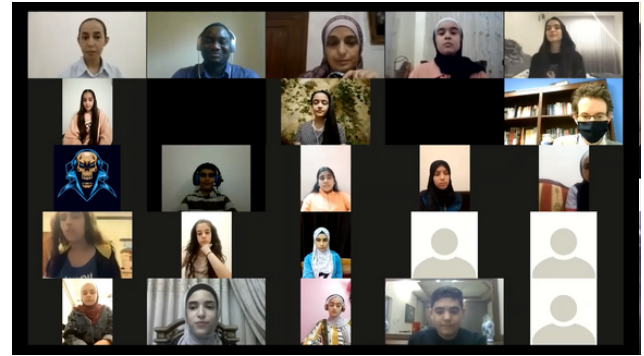
GLOBAL GOALS



(January - April)

Project based on Sustainable Development Goals

VOICES OF EARTH



(October - December)

Project based on Culture, Community, Country, or Land



Learning Skills

- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Communication



Literacy Skills

- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- Technology Literacy



Life Skills

- Flexibility
- Productivity
- Leadership
- Social Skills
- Initiative

Areas of Impact

Students will enhance 21st-century skills related to problem-solving, critical thinking, to enhance employability and contribute to the economic prosperity of their country. They will become global citizens through relationships that deepen as greater mutual understanding evolves.

Case Study

During the Global Goals module, the British International School of Boston, Hopi Junior/Senior High School, and the Youchaou School of Bamako, Mali worked together as a United Planet Circle to look at local challenges related to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal-15, Life on Land. They assessed local challenges, came up with solutions, and implemented those solutions.

Technology Savvy

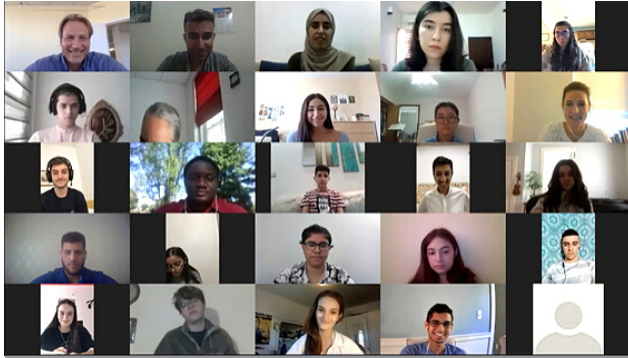
Schools will be guided through every step of the program by their United Planet facilitator. Participants will be connected with two to four other schools around the world using Zoom Video Conferencing and Moodle collaboration tools. Students will engage in cross-cultural sharing.



Specialized Programs

United Planet also offers teacher training and professional development in global virtual exchange as well as customized virtual exchange programs around specific areas or themes.

Youth Program



Students' from around the US and Iraq final presentations Zoom call. (Click on pic for student testimonials on YouTube)

United Planet offers [customized virtual exchange programs](#) with diverse partners around specific areas or themes. 120 students including university students from Boston University studying health science and global health and students of Salahaddin University in Iraq specialized in social work led and mentored American-Iraqi public health teams made up of high school students from each country to develop final projects that would support their communities through an intercultural lens.

[Link to Public Health Teams Projects](#)

Training & Development

Teachers work together across borders to learn to prepare, design, and facilitate virtual exchange programs and to become more adept at virtual learning. United Planet has brought together middle school and high school teachers (20 from the United States, 10 from Iraq, and 10 from Jordan) to work together on becoming adept at developing and participating in global virtual exchange programs.

[Link to Global Exchange Program - Teacher Training](#)



” *I think it’s easy for all of us to feel despair or overwhelmed by the challenges we’re facing but to see a multinational program to come together during this time really encourages me and I know it’ll encourage other people as well.* ”

Kathryn Kiser, Deputy Principal Officer at the
U.S. Consulate Erbil in Iraq

News & Feature Articles

- ['COVID-19 Project' a student-led initiative](#)
- [Hudson student participates in international program on COVID-19](#)
- [How to continue working remotely from another state](#)

