

Global Citizenship: What is a Global Citizen?

Intention: For campers to realise their potential to change things; to accept and act on group decisions; to compromise; to gain a sense of importance and self-worth and a growing respect for difference and diversity; to hold a belief that things can be better and that individuals can make a difference.

Activity: You will need a set of the nine points listed below for each group of about four or five campers. Each point needs to be on a separate slip of paper.

1. I try to understand what other people are feeling.
2. I am as important as everyone else.
3. Everyone else is equal to me but different from me.
4. I know what is fair and not fair and try to do the right thing.
5. I look after the environment and don't waste things.
6. I try to help others and not fight with them.
7. I have my own ideas but can alter them if I realise they are wrong.
8. I want to learn more about the world.
9. I think I can change things in the world.

In small discussion groups, ask campers to place the statements in order of importance. This can be done in the form of a diamond with the most important statement at the top and the least important at the bottom. Statements of equal importance are placed alongside each other.

Campers need to work cooperatively and to give reasons to others within their group for their individual views. After about 15 minutes discuss the activity as a whole group, with each group explaining what their final layout was, and why.

Then ask campers to work in groups on what they could do to show that these things are important. For instance, under the first point, suggestions might include listening to others, asking others what is wrong or how they are feeling, or befriending others who are lonely.

The most difficult one is probably, 'I am as important as everyone else', so perhaps you could give examples, such as 'I am especially good at ...', or 'I help out around camp by ...'.

Suggestions can be written as pledges of what camper's will try to do to show they can be Global Citizens and these can be put on display

Outcome: That camper's self-esteem is raised and they feel important, valued and able to take responsibility and change things.