

# Standing up as a global citizen

## Global Citizenship

Through the Common Purpose Global Citizenship programme, universities will be able to equip students with the 21st century skills and inspiration they need to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that they are most passionate about.

As a result of this programme, students will:

- identify and commit to taking action on one SDG
- collaborate with a diverse group of peers from universities across the world
- develop the skills to work with their peers to advance their shared goals
- create action and implementation plans to work on their goal after the programme ends
- gain the Global Citizenship micro-credential, demonstrating to employers they have the skills to effect complex change.

This three-week blended learning journey consists of synchronous and asynchronous components and a Common Purpose Global Citizenship micro-credential.

## Common Purpose

Common Purpose is a global not-for-profit with 30+ years' experience developing inclusive leaders who can cross boundaries. Our programmes are highly experiential, exposing students to different perspectives, places, organizations and challenges – often at a global scale. Underpinned by robust methodologies, thought leadership and learning frameworks, we give thousands of students every year the skills and experiences to become leaders who can make an impact – at work and in society.

“Throughout this course I have had the privilege to interact with diverse students around the world, the main takeaway from this course was that there are many young individuals that are passionate about the SDGs and diversity of ideas can help create creative solutions which would allow for better progress towards these goals.”

**Participant, The University of Melbourne**

## Four Stage Learning Journey

### Stage 1: Understanding Context

(Thursday 2 September 2021, 5 - 7pm SGT)

Through a 2 hours synchronous session, participants come together to understand from senior leaders advancing the SDGs and through sharing with their peers from across the world, on why the SDGs are a critical priority for them as a generation.

### Stage 2: Deepening Understanding

(3 - 23 September 2021)

Students will then spend 6-8 hours across three weeks, at their own pace, on an asynchronous Global Citizenship course choosing the SDG they want to focus on, deepening their understanding of the SDGs and developing the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills they will need to advance the SDGs.

### Stage 3: Action Planning

(Friday 24 September 2021, 5 - 7pm SGT)

The whole cohort will reconvene for 2 hours of synchronous learning where they choose from workshops to help them develop action plans, continue to develop the key skills they need to advance the SDGs and collaborate with their peers.

### Stage 4: Reflection

Through a 250-word graded assessment, students share their reflections, learnings and commitment to action to earn the Global Citizenship micro-credential - a digital representation of the skills and competencies they develop through the programme—which can be shared on social media platforms such as LinkedIn.

## Programme Impact

In February - March 2021, we partnered with 7 universities in the Asia-Pacific region on a Global Citizenship programme to engage over 300 students.

At the end of the programme, we assessed the learning and development of the participants, who gave an average score of:

5.40	5.10	5.40	5.60
out of 6	out of 6	out of 6	out of 6
When asked if they have a <b>better understanding of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</b>	When asked if they feel <b>better prepared to tackle complex problems.</b>	When asked if they feel <b>better prepared to build stronger working relationships with other people.</b>	When asked if they would <b>recommend the Global Citizenship programme to others.</b>

*\*Students score on a range of 1-6 (from strongly disagree to strongly agree), our target is an average score of 5.*

## Joining the Global Citizenship programme

Each university has the opportunity to send 50 - 100 students. The programme fees are:

- SG \$3,500 for up to 50 students
- SG \$5,000 for up to 100 students



“The biggest learning from the programme was being able to discuss with students from across the world on how to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. Their ideas and opinions were all different and out of the box, and inspired me to be more creative in my ways to raise awareness and tackle global issues.”

**Participant, University of Hong Kong**

## Universities Involved

Universities from which students have joined us on previous Global Citizenship programmes include:

- University of New South Wales, Australia
- University of Queensland, Australia
- University of Western Australia, Australia
- The University of Melbourne, Australia
- University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh
- Fudan University, China
- University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- NMIMS University, India
- Sampoerna University, Indonesia
- Waseda University, Japan
- Korea University, South Korea
- Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
- Thames International College, Nepal
- PanPacific University, Philippines
- Murdoch University, Singapore
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- University of Edinburgh, UK
- University of Nottingham, UK