The Citizenship Courier is a monthly newsletter established by the Global Citizenship Intern at ISU Extension and Outreach.

Citizenship is a 4-H curricula area that teaches youth about their individual role in society and government, and is divided into four topics: civic engagement, civic education, service, and personal development. The Global Citizenship Intern aspires to empower the area of civic education, primarily focusing on global and cultural competence, while also highlighting the other three topics.

Check in often to learn more about citizenship and discover the ways you can get involved like your peers!

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THOUGHTS · INSPIRATION · ACTION!

Greetings! Welcome back to “The Citizenship Courier,” now in Volume TWO! It was a splendid first year and I cannot wait to share a new and improved newsletter with you monthly. Some of you may realize that this section is indeed NEW! Here, I will share my own thoughts on Global Citizenship, as well as present ideas and opportunities for you to take Global Citizenship to the next step, whether it is an independent project or a club/county/regional partnership. These ideas will typically relate to one of the upcoming events featured to the right.

World Food Day – On October 16th, the annual World Food Day will come to life once again in a global effort to diminish hunger and poverty. Check it out: fao.org/world-food-day/home/en/

You can make an impact on World Food Day:

- Initiate a discussion with your friends about hunger
- Host a “Hunger Banquet” in your school or community
  - oxfamamerica.org/take-action/events/hunger-banquet
- Serve at a shelter or gather items for a local food pantry
- Research technology used to reduce hunger
- Learn about the variety of food systems across the globe
- Participate in the World Food Day’s poster contest
  - oxfamamerica.org/take-action/events/hunger-banquet

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15th
Democracy Day
un.org/en/events/democracyday
Take a moment or two to learn about and reflect on the idea of democracy. What is your role in our country’s politics? How does your political freedom compare and contrast to other individuals that do or do not live in a democratic country?

October 16th
World Food Day
See article to the left.

“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.”
– Albert Einstein
One Year Later: Continuing to Implement 4-H in India

Did you know that 4-H is a program in ALL 50 states and 50+ countries? That's right; the 4-H program is more than just a club, county, regional, or statewide operation. The program is offered to more than seven million youth around the world through either Cooperative Extension at land-grant universities or independent programs. See more about the globalization of 4-H at 4-h.org/about/global-network/.

Of the independent programs, I have had the privilege of getting to know the Director of 4-H India, Dixon Samuel, through an exchange of e-mails. In previous newsletters, I featured two short articles about the initiation and progression of 4-H India. How 4-H India began can be found in the December 2014 issue, and an update about some of the activities they have done can be found in the March 2015 issue. Some key items of interest about 4-H India:

- Dixon Samuel, director of the NG International School in India worked with Georgia 4-H specialists for two years to plan a 4-H program that could be adapted in his country
- Dixon officially began their own independent 4-H program on July 26, 2014
- In the first week alone, 276 students enrolled into the NG International 4-H Club
- Youth have interacted with elders in the community, taken a field trip to a greenhouse, and participated in an active listening exercise, among other fun and exciting activities!

Dixon contributes that he has witnessed tremendous growth in the youth involved in their 4-H club. Personal testimonies from four of the 4-Hers constitutes the same idea:

“My teacher says I have improved in math, science, social studies & extracurricular work.”
-Devanshi Jansari

“Previously, I could not speak in public without preparation, but now, I can speak anywhere about anything without preparation.”
-Divyatej Mishra

“I was too confused to join this club because I thought I was not capable of doing all these activities, but now, I have performed all activities with great enthusiasm and interest.”
-Suchi Pandya

“After joining this club, I really think I have improved my self-confidence and concentration. I really feel happy.”
-Sumit Shah

Look forward to future issues regarding the progression of 4-H India!

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Any questions, comments, or ideas regarding events, global citizenship or stories: share with me today!