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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I believe that every individual has some degree of a longing to make a difference – in his or her home, community, state, country and even the world. I also believe that 4-Hers have an increased desire to do something good and make a difference. On Make a Difference Day on October 22nd, you can do just that! It does not have to be something super extravagant; even the smallest deed can truly make an impact.

Here are some suggestions to help you get started:

- Visit the Make a Difference Day website to be inspired by what others are doing to make a difference
- Explore the needs in your community and think of solutions to meet those needs
- Partner with a few friends, your 4-H club or your class at school to make an even bigger impact
- Ask local businesses and organizations if there are ways you can help them to make a difference
- Encourage your parent(s) to also become involved and make a difference as a family
- Turn your ideas into a 4-H project
- Make 4-H proud: Make a Difference

Check out the Global Citizenship webpage for more ways to get involved as a global citizen!

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October 16th
World Food Day

Look back at the September 2015 issue to discover ways that you can impact the world as a global citizen on World Food Day.

October 22nd
Make a Difference Day
http://makeadifferenceday.com
See article to the left.

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”
~ Jane Goodall
Global Citizenship Day at the Iowa State Fair

On Friday, August 12th, the 4-H Exhibits Building debuted a new event: Global Citizenship Day. From cultural performances on stage to a global service project, fair goers and participants had an array of opportunities to learn about the diverse cultures that make up our state, country and world – all in one place in the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair. As globalization continues to increase, cultural awareness and competence is becoming more of an important skill to possess. Global Citizenship Day served as a way to encourage that cultural awareness and increase knowledge about our diverse world.

The 4-H Exhibits Building was buzzing with excitement and energy as hundreds of fairgoers learned about the many cultures that exist in our world. So what exactly went on throughout the hours of Global Citizenship Day? Below is a recap of the day and the successes that it entailed.

• The morning session featured five youth and two adults from the Des Moines Juntos 4-H group who presented a poster and spoke with the public about authentic Mexican food. After lunch, they were able to visit and tour the World Food Prize Building in downtown Des Moines.
• Throughout the day, we had four cultural performances on stage. The ISU Dance program performed an “Images of the Seven Continents” participatory dance. The Japan America Society of Iowa performed traditional Taiko drumming and the India Cultural Association of Iowa had two groups perform various traditional Indian dances.
• The afternoon hours consisted of a Multicultural Exhibition that featured: ISU Study Abroad Center, ISU GLOBE Ambassadors, the African American Museum of Iowa, Des Moines European Heritage Association, and the Korean Cultural Center of Iowa. Each booth had interactive activities that taught participants about the various cultures in a hands-on setting.
• Fair goers also made 400+ t-shirt bags for youth around the world for our global service project.

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

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