



MISSION

Founded by Carole Artigiani in 1989, Global Kids (GK) is committed to transforming urban youth into successful students as well as global and community leaders. Using interactive and experiential methods to educate youth about critical international and foreign policy issues, GK provides students with opportunities for civic and global engagement.

Global Kids' New York City-based programs address the urgent need for young people to develop leadership skills and an understanding of complex global issues in order to succeed in the 21st century workplace and participate in the democratic process.

WHY GLOBAL KIDS?

- * Since September 2001, the American people and our leaders have come to realize that a lack of knowledge about other countries and global issues seriously impedes our capacity to assure a secure and sustainable future.
- * New York City public school students possess a range of assets—including foreign languages, cross-cultural communication skills, and a first-hand understanding of global trends and events—that are in demand from business, government, and nonprofit institutions – but are not nurtured or cultivated in the current educational curriculum.
- * Urban public schools—too frequently—are failing to engage students in the learning process, develop sophisticated skills, or educate them about international relations, global health, sustainability, development, and other issues facing the United States and the world.

WHAT WE DO

Global Kids' programs are led by a team of highly trained professionals with backgrounds in education, a range of international fields, creative arts, and digital media, among others. At more than 20 public middle and high schools, they engage students in intensive workshops, field trips, discussions with guest speakers, and other activities. All Global Kids programs:

- * **Expose** students to rigorous, up-to-date international affairs content.
- * **Develop** academic, leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills.
- * **Engage** students in intensive research and utilize interactive and experiential activities, role-plays, games, small and large group dialogues, debates, roundtables, and forums with guest speakers.
- * **Encourage** participation in school and community affairs.
- * **Provide** opportunities for students to educate their peers through workshops, campaigns, and other projects.
- * **Involve** teens in using digital media and the internet to educate peers and develop sophisticated 21st century learning skills.

THE RESULT

By educating students about international affairs and their role in the policymaking process, GK has been able to motivate and inspire urban public school students, many of whom have been labeled at risk of school dropout, to succeed in school and become campus leaders. Annually, more than 95% of the seniors in GK's leadership programs graduate from high school and the majority attend college with scholarships.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Within the next three years, Global Kids' staff and board will continue to strengthen the organization and deepen its impact. We will continue to deliver innovative and effective programs while building the infrastructure to operate at an increased capacity and achieve long-term sustainability. Our specific programmatic and organizational goals for this time period include:

- * **Establishing the Center for Global Leadership.** Securing a physical space for the organization that will serve as a leading center for a variety of youth programs, including small and large group activities and technology projects, as well as professional development trainings.
- * **Extended Reach.** Through proven and effective programs in New York City and online, we will expand the team of GK Leaders and involved hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide through our internet programming.
- * **More Opportunities.** Broadening the range of opportunities available to the youth leaders involved in Global Kids' flagship *Power of Citizenry* Leadership program, especially in the areas of student travel, peer education, college and career preparation, alumni support, and the use of technology.
- * **Resources.** Securing the resources needed to provide internship opportunities, travel programs, field trips, and guest speakers for the students at the High School for Global Citizenship.
- * **Partnerships.** Strengthening and expanding our relationships with leading organizations that can provide Global Kids with programmatic resources.

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MAJOR PROGRAMS

The Power of Citizenry Leadership Program. Global Kids' flagship program sustains a team of over 500 teens from New York City who gain leadership skills, an understanding of global issues, and exposure to higher education and career opportunities. Each year, through workshops, conferences, campaigns, theatre performances, and the internet, the Global Kids Youth Leaders educate more than 2,500 of their peers.

School-based Programs. Collaborating with over 20 schools in New York City, Global Kids provides classroom-based and after school activities that integrate current affairs and global issues into public school curricula, develop critical thinking and communication skills, and improve attendance rates.

Customized Training for Educators and Youth. Professional development seminars for teachers, youth workers, and administrators focus on youth development, civic participation, bias and violence prevention, interactive learning, collaborative problem solving, and the integration of global issues into curricula. Global Kids also conducts special youth trainings to develop school-based leadership teams and build safer school communities.

The Online Leadership Program (OLP). Through programming in three areas—online dialogues, socially conscious online games, and the Digital Media Initiative—Global Kids has established one of the nation's leading programs in utilizing the internet to promote global awareness, youth civic engagement, and the development of sophisticated technology skills. The work of the OLP has recently been recognized with prestigious grants from Microsoft and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The High School for Global Citizenship (HSGC). A new 400-student public high school in Brooklyn, opened in collaboration with New Visions for Public Schools and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, HSGC has a rigorous, international affairs-based curriculum. The school maintains a ninety-one percent attendance rate, and the NYC Department of Education has cited HSGC as a model for students seeking an alternative to large high schools.

Programs with the Council on Foreign Relations. Through a ten-year collaboration, Global Kids conducts an ongoing series of monthly roundtables and an intensive three-week institute, *The U.S. in the World*, with the world's leading international affairs think tank.

Annual Youth Conference. At this annual event, GK Youth Leaders organize the full-day program on major global issues, design and lead workshops, and emcee plenary sessions for over 600 students and teachers from over seventy-five schools and youth organizations. Recent themes include *Global Health*, *War and Peace*, and *Media in a Globalized World*.

WHO IS INVOLVED

Led by an expert staff, Global Kids programs currently serve over 12,000 youth and educators each year and are made possible with the support of the members of our board and advisory council, funders, and partner institutions. Global Kids' FY 2007 budget is \$3.2 million and the organization's programs and operations are sustained by government contracts, grants from foundations and corporations, individual donations, and fees for professional and youth development trainings. GK's partners include:

- Adelphi University
- The After-School Corporation
- Council on Foreign Relations
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Gamelab
- Games for Change
- The Hague Appeal for Peace
- Jeanette K. Watson Fellowship Program
- Museum of the Moving Image
- The New School
- New Visions for Public Schools
- New York City Department of Education
- NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
- PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*
- Peace Boat U.S. and Japan
- Ping Chong & Company
- UNICEF
- United States Department of State
- United Way of New York City

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