Towards Global Citizenship in the language classroom

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What is Global Citizenship?

• [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1sPcbmlUo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1sPcbmlUo)
What could you do?

• [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1sPcmbmlU0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1sPcmbmlU0)
We at the ELC are working towards Global Citizenship in the language classroom by integrating cultural awareness activities into the programs.
Rationale

• More than one billion **users** of English.

• The **need** to interact
  > globalisation
  > range of nationalities/races/religions

• Interaction **skills**
  > innovative and higher-order cognitive skills
  > intercultural competence
  > sophisticated communication and collaboration skills.

• **Career** prerequisite
  > Fluency in more than one language and culture
• ‘Lots of opportunities for concrete experience (homestays, diverse workgroups, service learning, etc.)’

• ‘We seldom have structured opportunities for sharing participants’ reactions.’

• ‘Pre-planned meetings, scheduled group discussion sessions,’

_Bennette 2011_
Responsibility

Build students’ intercultural communication skills

Build intercultural competence

Students need to be able to learn with and from their diverse peers, work collaboratively and communicate effectively in groups (Gardner 2004, cited in Suarez-Orozco & Sattin 2007).

to be effective speakers of English in global contexts

empathise with peers of different races, religions and of different linguistic and social origins
The focus at the ELC

This program Encourages communication Across levels

Not about the academic content but ability for students to listen to different perceptions, pronunciations & respond spontaneously.
The focus at the ELC

- **Facilitate** the development of these skills
- **Introduce** formal structured program
- ** Implement** an ‘across program’ initiative
- **Get students** working together
- **Use English as a** ‘lingua franca’
- **Build** cultural sensitivity
Aims of this session

• Outline the aims and objectives of the program *(the why)*

• Explain its implementation *(the how)*

• Show the types of activities used *(the what)*

• Examine student responses (evaluation)

• Consider some recommendations *(the so what now).*
### The ‘why’

- **develop**
  - Communication *across cultures*
- **acknowledge and accept**
  - other *varieties of English* being the ‘norm’
- **develop**
  - *tolerance* to ambiguity, conflict and change
  - *awareness* of specific cultural nuances
- **appreciate**
  - multiple *perspectives* and diversity
The ‘why’

- **enhance**
  - leadership skills
  - problem solving skills

- **increase**
  - self-confidence

- **improve & expand**
  - relationships

- **develop**
  - collegiate networks
The ‘why’

Being a ‘content carrier’ is not enough.  
*(Medgyes 1998)*

The use of English in a culturally diverse society
Cultural Diversity

• The ELC is culturally diverse
• Being diverse is not the challenge

Regular contact with diversity does not necessarily produce intercultural understanding in students, faculty and staff. Rather, intercultural understanding is the product of intent and design (Habacon 2014).
Cultural Diversity

Our pathway towards Global Citizenship is through promotion of intercultural awareness and understanding.
Profile of students at the ELC

Based on information from June/July 2014
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Student profile

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- Japan 2.9%
- Thailand 1.2%
- Vietnam 0.7%
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- Iraq 0.7%
- S.Korea 1.2%
- Iran 0.5%
- Pakistan 0.5%
- Hong Kong 6.8%
- Russia 0.5%
PEP & GEAP

**GEAP** – General English for Academic Purposes

84 students

**PEP** - Pre- enrolment program

330 students
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The ‘how’

• Formal structured program

• GEAP & PEP classes

• Time
Dear PEP & GEAP teachers,

Many Universities around Australia and the world are offering ‘Global Citizenship Programs’, designed to help students develop the skills necessary to be a global citizen. Here at the ELC we have decided to introduce a cross class program called “Developing your Global Citizenship Skills”. We are asking all teachers and students to be involved.

As more than one billion people now use English as a second or additional language, largely to communicate with other second language users, the goal of this program is to help students:

- develop communication skills across cultures
- acknowledge and be accepting of other varieties of English being the ‘norm’
- develop tolerance to ambiguity, conflict and change
- develop awareness of specific cultural nuances when communicating with others
- appreciate multiple perspectives and diversity
- enhance their leadership skills
- enhance their problem solving skills
- increase maturity, self-confidence and independence
- improve and expand their relationships
- develop collegiate networks

We believe the outcomes of such a program will be very beneficial to our students. So, in order to make this easy for teachers to implement we have provided the materials necessary and have clearly stated the requirements from you. We are asking for just 45-60mins every 5 weeks in your program.

Please read the attached rationale, program details, ‘Find Someone’ activity (for the first session) and timetable plus student evaluation form. We have provided a student reflection to be completed after the activity which will help us get the students ‘voice’. If you also do other cross class activities within your program, could we also ask you to use the student
Dear all,

Thank you for your cooperation in getting your students to complete the first task in the ELC "Towards Intercultural Awareness for Global Citizenship Program". I have attached the second task for the next cycle with the schedule of which class is with which class. There are only 5 GEAP classes this 5 week cycle and GEAP does not commence until October 13th so if you are rostered with a GEAP class please keep this in mind.

Before you complete the 2nd task there are a couple of things to be reminded of:

- please allow for a minimum of 60 mins.
- Pre-teach vocabulary if needed. Some students may have some difficulties with the questions and vocals.

Attached are:

- the task to be completed sometime in the next 5 weeks (Traditional Games)
- The schedule of which class is with which class (unfortunately there are only 5 GEAP classes)

The objectives for this activity are that students will:

- Develop an awareness of international traditional games and how they may have similarities and differences
- Feel a sense of 'commonness' between cultures
- Be able to use language for different kinds of games, simple and habitual past as well as instructions for playing.

Suggested Procedure: (is on the attachment)

- Divide your class into 2 groups.
- Send one of your groups to the other class at the allocated time
- Students will then work in small groups of 4, ideally one pair from each class. Try and mix Cultural backgrounds as much as possible
- Let students introduce themselves to each other first
- Follow attached guidelines with suggested questions to discuss
- Feedback — each group to tell the class about the game they discussed — similarities and differences in the way it's played in different countries.

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Schedule

Timetable for Second Cross Class Activity
May 5th - 6th June

Please scroll down and find your name and who you are matched with. Please make contact with your partner class ASAP to arrange the 45-60min session

### For a Monday Morning Session

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Other PEP classes: Day of the week to be arranged between teachers
Activity 1

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Activity 2

TASK 2 May – June 2014

Questions

1. Say one or two ways you are like your mother or father.
2. Say something about the town or village where you were born.
3. Say what you are planning to do tonight.
4. Say where you spent your last holiday and what you enjoyed most about it.

5. Summarise the plot of a film you have seen recently.
6. Walking under a ladder is considered bad luck in some countries. Name two things that are considered bad luck in your country.
7. What are the most popular tourist attractions in your country?
8. What are you going to do at the weekend?

9. What did you do last weekend?
10. What do you remember about your first day at school?
11. What do you think is the greatest invention ever, and why?
12. What do you usually do in the evenings?

13. What is the ideal age to get married? (a) for a man; (b) for a woman?
14. What is the nicest present you have ever received?
15. What is your idea of the perfect husband/wife?
16. What sort of clothes do you like wearing?

Adapted from Group Work (Intermediate) by Peter Wipma-Jones Penguin books p.18
Activity 2 –’Questions’

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<td>It is better to take any job than to be unemployed.</td>
<td>English is a fairly easy language to learn.</td>
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<td>Today’s pop music is not as good as it used to be.</td>
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<td>Living in a city is better than living in the country.</td>
<td>There are no such things as ghosts, flying saucers, etc.</td>
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<td>There is too much money in sport nowadays.</td>
<td>It is better to stay single than to get married.</td>
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<td>There are certain jobs that are not really suitable for women.</td>
<td>When you speak a foreign language, it doesn’t matter if you make mistakes, as long as people understand you.</td>
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<td>My country is not as nice as it was ten years ago.</td>
<td>You can tell a lot about a person from the clothes he/she wears.</td>
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<td>Murderers should always be executed rather than be given life imprisonment.</td>
<td>Marriages work best when couples are from the same background, race and religion.</td>
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<td>People who follow fashion are fools and probably have more money than sense.</td>
<td>The most important thing about a job is the money.</td>
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Activity 3 – ‘In my opinion...’

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Activity 3

-2 strongly disagree
-1 disagree
0 not sure/can’t decide
+1 agree
+2 strongly agree
Cross Class Activity Student Reflection

English is the main language of books, newspapers, airports and air traffic control, international business and academic conferences, science, technology, diplomacy, sport, international competitions, pop music and advertising. More than one billion people now use English as a second or additional language, largely to communicate with other second language users (Goddard 1995 pg 181 and Xu 2003 pg 221).

1. How much did you enjoy today’s cross class activity? (Please mark an ‘X’ where you think)

   1 = really disliked  3 = OK  5 = really enjoyed

________________________________________________________

2. What was your favourite part of the activity?
   You can circle more than one:
   a) Meeting someone new
   b) Going to another classroom
   c) A change in the usual program
   d) Other

   __________________________________________________________

3. What did you find the most difficult?

4. Which language skills did this activity help you develop today?
   You can circle more than one
   a) speaking
   b) listening
   c) reading
   d) writing
   e) communication skills

5. Sometimes it is hard to understand other accents and others pronunciation. How did you solve this problem?
   a) Asking people to repeat what they said
   b) Paraphrasing: saying back to the person what you have understood
   c) Using hand actions/mime
   d) Asking further questions
   e) Using a dictionary
   f) Asking someone else in the group
   g) Translating
   h) Other

   __________________________________________________________

6. What did you learn about the other students’ culture?

7. Would you have liked the activity to have been longer?
   a) It should be longer
   b) It should be shorter
   c) It was just the right amount of time

8. How often would you like to have a cross class activity with another class of students?
   a) Once a week
   b) Once every two weeks
   c) Once every 5 weeks

Thank you for your reflections ✨
Reflections 1

1. How much did you enjoy today’s cross class activity? (please mark an ‘x’ where you think)

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2. What was your favourite part of the activity?
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   a) Meeting someone new
   b) Going to another classroom
   c) A change in the usual program
   d) other

   __________________________________________________________
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3. What did you find the most difficult?
Dear all, thank you for your cooperation in getting your students to complete the first part of the ELC Global citizenship program. In general there has been a lot of positive feedback from the students with many of them reporting that they have enjoyed and benefited from having the opportunity to work with other students outside of their usual classroom and culture...

“*It can practise my speaking English, make me express my own idea and at the same time I know some interesting things that I have not heard in my country*”

“*Losing the fear of talking to someone that you don’t know*”

“*I can improve my English listening from different accents*”

“*Learn some customs and culture background as well as lifestyle and values of different people*”

Before you complete the 2nd task there are a couple of things we learnt from the first time

- Students expressed needing more time so please allow for a minimum of 60 mins (some reported only being given 30mins).
- Pre-teach vocabulary if needed. Some students reported that they had some difficulties with the questions and vocab.
- Keep your student evaluation forms separate and clearly labelled in class sets.

Attached are

- The task to be completed sometime in the next 5 weeks (*‘Asking Questions’*)
- The schedule of which class is with which class (unfortunately there are still only 5 GEAP classes but I have tried to mix it up with new PEP’s and old PEP’s)
- The student evaluation form

Suggested procedure:

- Divide your class into 2 groups.
- Send one group to the other class at the allocated time
- Students will then work in groups of 4, ideally one pair from each class.
- Teacher gives the first 4 questions to all the groups and allows for about 10-12 minutes for students to respond to them
- Then after 10-12 minutes the pairs form new groups and the teacher gives the next 4 questions (Teacher makes sure that the pairs pair up with students from the other class).
- Procedure is repeated until end of time

Once the activity has been completed, please once again get your students to fill in the evaluation form. It has been slightly modified from the first time. I have placed a box on the shelf next to the pigeon holes which says “*Global Citizenship Evaluation*” so secure them and place inside the box.
Reflections 2

Cross Class Activity 2 Student Reflection

1. How much did you enjoy today’s cross class activity? (please mark an ‘X’ where you think)
   1 = really disliked  3 = OK  5 = really enjoyed
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2. What was your favourite part of the activity?
   You can choose more than one.
   a) Meeting someone new
   b) Going to another classroom
   c) A change in the usual program
   _____________________________
   d) Other

3. What did you find the most difficult?
   a) Understanding other students’ pronunciation
   b) Listening to other accents
   c) Lack of vocabulary
   d) My ability to express my ideas in English
   _____________________________
   e) The classroom was too noisy
   f) Starting a conversation
   _____________________________
   g) Other

4. Which language skills did this activity help you develop today?
   You can choose more than one.
   a) speaking
   b) listening
   c) reading
   _____________________________
   d) writing
   e) communication skills

5. Sometimes it is hard to understand other accents and other pronunciation.

6. What did you learn about the other students’ culture?
   a) Food
   b) Family
   c) Relationships
   _____________________________
   d) Religion
   e) Language
   _____________________________
   f) Social norms
   g) Similarities and differences
   _____________________________
   h) Other

7. Would you have liked the activity to have been longer?
   a) It should be longer
   _____________________________
   Why?
   _____________________________
   b) It should be shorter
   _____________________________
   Why?
   _____________________________
   c) It was just the right amount of time
   _____________________________

8. How often would you like to have a cross class activity with another?
   a) Once a week
   b) Once every two weeks
   _____________________________
   c) Once every 3 weeks
   _____________________________

   Thank you for your reflection! 😊
Cross Class Activity 3 Student Reflections

1. How much did you enjoy today’s cross class activity? (please mark an ‘X’ where you think)
   1 = really disliked  3 = OK  5 = really enjoyed
   1 __________ 2 __________ 3 __________ 4 __________ 5 __________

2. a) Do you think cross class activities are important in your English Language program?
   Yes or No
   b) Why?
   ___________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________
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   ___________________________________________________________________

3. What was your favourite part of the activity?
   Choose ONE ONLY
   a) Meeting someone new
   b) Going to another classroom
   c) A change in the usual program
   d) Other

4. What did you find the most difficult?
   Choose ONE ONLY
   a) Understanding other students pronunciation
   b) Listening to other accents
   c) Lack of vocabulary
   d) My ability to express my ideas in English
   e) The classroom was too noisy
   f) Starting a conversation
   g) Other:
   ___________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

5. How often would you like to have a cross class activity with another class of students?
   a) Once a week
   b) Once every two weeks
   c) Once every 3 weeks

Thank you for your reflections ☺
Reflections - Staff

Cross Class Activity 3
Staff Reflection

1. What do you think the students get most out of a cross class activity?

2. Do you personally think it is a worthwhile activity? Why?

3. What do you think the students find the most difficult?
   a) Understanding other student pronunciation
   b) Listening to other accents
   c) Lack of vocabulary
   d) Speaking to someone with a lower level of English
   e) Their ability to express their ideas in English
   f) The classroom is too noisy
   g) Starting a conversation
   h) Other:

4. Would you like a program like this (how it is organised) to continue to run at the ELC?
   Yes or No
   Why?

5. How could this program be improved in the future?

6. How often do you think students should have a cross class activity with another class of students?
   a) Once a week
   b) Once every two weeks
   c) Once every 5 weeks

Thank you for your reflections ☺
Conducting the activities

- Teacher consultations
- One day in a 5-week cycle
- Classrooms
Findings

• Total number of respondents :354
Q1. How much did you enjoy today’s activity?

- 5 Really enjoyed: 42%
- 4.5: 20%
- 4: 15.3%
- 3.5: 10.5%
- 3 OK: 11.3%
- 2.5: 0.6%
- 2: 0%
- 1.5: 0.3%
- 1 Really disliked: 0%
Q2a. Do you think cross class activities are important in your English Language program?

Yes 99.1%
No 0.9%
Q2b. Why?

Meeting someone new.

- Build relationships

- Familiar with usual classmates so it is interesting to share ideas with new people
Q2 b. Why?

Opportunity to practise listening and speaking skills –

- sharing / exchange ideas on different topics
- giving opinions
- using English in a different situation than the usual class
- Talking about interesting topics
- Practise pronunciation
- Find out our shortcomings
- Improve vocab
- Practise casual English
- Listen to another teacher
- Speak more rather than listen to teacher
Q2 b. Why?

Speaking with people of different cultural backgrounds

- *Increase interaction between cultures*
- *Broaden our ‘horizons’*
- *Open our minds*
- *Understand ‘different thinking’*
- *Understanding different cultures*
- *Increase knowledge of another country*
- *Exchange experiences*
- *Understanding different accents*
Q2b. Why?

Other responses

• Enjoy the activity
• Different focus
• Relaxation from assignments
• Improve confidence
• Increase interest in English
• More fun
• Practise critical thinking

• Speaking without pressure
• Overcome shyness
• Motivated when meeting new people
• A change
• Enjoy my stay in Australia
• Get idea of my English level
Q3. What was your favourite part of the activity?

- Meeting someone new: 59.9%
- Going to another classroom: 7.1%
- A change in the usual program: 29.7%
- Other: 3.3%
Q4. What did you find the most difficult?

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- Lack of vocab 34.8%
- Expressing my ideas in English 18.9%
- Understanding pronunciation 15.3%
- Starting a conversation 10.3%
- Listening to other accents 9%
- The noisy classroom 3.4%
5. How often?

- Once a week: 42.7%
- Once every two weeks: 41.5%
- Once every 5 weeks: 15.8%
What the teachers say...
1. What do you think the students get most out of a cross class activity?

- A respite from intense academic work.
- Discussing interesting topics not just academic ones.
- Meeting new students.
- Exchanging ideas.
- Validation that they are capable of communicating
And...

- Meeting people with different points of view, different outlook on life.

- Compare and contrast different cultures with their own.

- Listening/speaking practice

- An opportunity to respond spontaneously

- Interacting with students they may not have the opportunity to meet again.
2. Do you personally think it is a worthwhile activity?

- All yes
- One ‘Yes…but’
2b. Why?

- Engaging, nice to have some enjoyable social activities
- The buzz - indicative of the successful outcome.
- Relaxing
- Students are engaged and enjoy interacting
- It develops basic communication skills and provides something light and unpredictable for the students.
- Observe the students in a different context.
Why

- Not in the last 5 weeks of PEP
3. What do you think the students find the most difficult?

- Pronunciation
- Vocab
- Noisy classroom
4. Would you like a program like this to continue to run at the ELC?

- All yes but 1 - felt it needed to be relevant to the courses they were enrolled in
5. How often?

**Students**

- Once a week
- Once every two weeks
- Once every 5 weeks

**Teachers**

- Once a week
- Once every two weeks
- Once every five weeks
Limitations of this program

- No perfect match of GEAP & PEP
- Some nationalities are a dominant group
- Classroom size
- Problems with vocab
- Not enough focus on culture in some activities
- Not all the teachers completed the feedback forms
Limitations of this program

• Time to organise this structured program

• Big language centre – not enough time to get all programs involved.
The ‘what now?’

• Looking at the activities:

The new focus not only English but also a cultural aspect – ‘We are not that different – traditional games’
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# Traditional Games – Close up

![Image](https://www.google.com.au/search?q=traditional+ball+games&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univgsa=Xreli-hszhUSTFFpaS8pWC3IGpDg&ved=0CEpDAsAQ&biw=1680&bih=933)

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Marble games


- When did you play?
- Who did you play with?
- Where did you play?
- How did the game start?
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- How did someone win?
- Did you enjoy the game?
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Famous Icons

**Activity 4**

**Famous Icons**

**Aims**

- Learners to explore perceptions of the five most famous people in their country and the perceptions of the five most famous people from another country. When learners from different countries compare their perceptions, they may find that their reasons for their choices may vary or be the same.

**Description of Activity**

1. Teacher to set context by writing down some famous people in Australia – give reasons for choice & source of information.
2. Ask the class to write down the names of the five most famous people in their home country – past & present – and reasons why they have chosen these people (table 1).
3. Match learners up with individuals from another culture. Learners to complete table 2.
4. Learners to discuss the similarities and differences in their choice of names, the reasons they have given, and the source of information about these famous people. For example, have the learners chosen figures from the world of politics, sport, entertainment or public service? Did they find out about these figures from the media, school or from their own reading?
5. Get class feedback on the similarities and differences found.

**Benefits of Activity**

- Develop an awareness of international famous people.
- $S$ to be able to use language of personal characteristics and achievements.

**Issues for Consideration**

- Groups to have a balance of members from the two classes & diverse backgrounds.

**Additional comments**

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## Case study

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An Australian student is studying on an exchange program in Indonesia. In one of the classes, the Indonesian lecturer makes an error on the board. The exchange student points out the error during the lecture. The lecturer gets annoyed with the student and asks him to leave and never to return. The student is confused.

**Discuss (in small groups)**

1. The behaviour of the student.
2. The behaviour of the lecturer.
3. Where the misunderstanding may have occurred.
4. The perceptions and misperceptions involved.
5. A possible solution for this problem.
6. Share ideas with class.
The ‘what now?’

- Pre-teach vocab before the activities (lower levels)
- Have a practice run first (lower levels)
- Have more informal inter-class sessions
- Have two formal sessions per 5 week block?
  > currently ~ 1h per 100h block
  > aim ~ 2h per 100h block?
- Continue with student & teacher feedback
Thank you
References


