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## PLANETARY CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

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# About this program





Conventional Climate Education often frames the climate crisis as a technical challenge, limiting its scope to short-term, occupation-specific green jobs. Yet, the imperative of building a sustainable green future for humanity demands that we go beyond imparting specific green skills to a select few. It requires that we equip every learner worldwide with the foundations of sustainable development, planetary consciousness, and a justice-oriented worldview. It also requires that such education is universally accessible, transcending barriers of educational background, geography, gender, or race.

This pioneering **live-streamed**, **virtual 'world travelinspired' program** shapes learners to first become true **global citizens** as they virtually visit different countries, meet with diverse cultures and make connections beyond borders. Next, it helps learners gain the **green life-skills** required to drive transformational changes. The **Climate and Sustainability awareness** segment takes students to countries around the world to witness the impact of climate change in real time, and learn about best practices in sustainability leading to climate action.

This 4-week program aims to build a new generation of Planetary Citizens equipped with with the specific, generic and transformative capacities needed to create a socially, economically and environmentally just society that cares for the human and non human world. (Green Skills Framework – Kwauk & Casey, 2021).

# What makes it unique

## Live-streamed, Virtual 'World Travel-Inspired'

The world's first program to employ a pedagogy where learners take live-streamed, interactive, virtual tours to different countries, guided by local presenters. These tours offer experiential understanding of concepts, foster connections with people from diverse countries, and nurture empathy for both people and the planet.

## **Transformative Green Skills**

The program focuses on 'Environmental knowledge and awareness' as a fundamental skill that applies to green jobs across every industry. It also aims to build generic life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, leadership and collaboration, and the adaptive skills needed to recognise and transform unjust social and economic structures.

# **Universally Accessible**

This course is designed for learners from all educational backgrounds (formal, non-formal and informal) and transcends gender biases and socioeconomic constraints. It aims to reach 'green skill deserts' through its remote access format. Especially focussed on learners in climate-vulnerable nations, aiming to equip them for effective climate adaptation and action.







# Program Modules

### BUILDING BLOCKS FOR PLANETARY CITIZENSHIP



# 1

## **Global Citizenship**

- Travel to different countries on livestreamed sessions to develop global awareness and an appreciation of the rich cultural, religious and linguistic diversity across the world.
- Foster an understanding of our interconnectedness beyond cultural and geographical boundaries.
- Build meaningful connections with others around the world.

# 3

## **Climate & Sustainability**

- Travel to countries around the world in real time on live, virtual tours to witness the impact of climate change and best practices in sustainability.
- Gain awareness of key sectors that contribute to climate change.
- Gain an understanding of global social inequality and climate injustice.



## **Green Life Skills**

- Develop awareness of personal strengths, sense of agency and self-worth.
- Build soft skills including critical thinking, problem solving, effective communication and collaboration.
- Learn strategies for managing emotions, building resilience and handling conflicts.
- Self reflection and positive thinking .

# 4

## **Climate Action Project**

- Apply learnings from previous modules to develop a local community-based sustainability project.
- Collaborate in groups, conduct research and develop solutions.
- Present the project to students from other countries participating in the Planetary Citizens Program.

# Faculty & Advisors

The Planetary Citizenship Program is led by some of the world's most eminent educators, thought leaders and experts.



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Click to hear Rajeev's talk about Climate education as a mitigation strategy.



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#### PLANETARY CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

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Glimpses from a program being implemented for youth from India, Pakistan and Zimbabwe.



Learners connecting over language



Celebrating cultural diversity across borders



Live Opera from China



Students visit the Pyramids



Program Highlights Video (Click to play)



Understanding SDGs



Live visit to Kenya to see Fashion waste

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