Global Kids is a very significant component of the Chancellor’s effort to make sure that every school in the Department of Education is an excellent one. – NYC Superintendent
Why Global Kids?

Created in 1989, Global Kids is the premier non-profit organization in New York City that educates underserved upper elementary, middle and high school students about world and community affairs. Our programs are designed to develop the knowledge, skills and values needed for higher education, workplace success, and full participation in the democratic process.

Grounded in a youth development approach, Global Kids' pedagogy integrates international issues and service learning into the required curriculum and into extracurricular and after-school programs. Through leadership development, academic enrichment, and digital media programs, Global Kids uses interactive, experiential methods to educate youth about critical international and public policy issues and inspire them to take action.

Global Kids is a contracted provider with the New York City Department of Education. We offer an array of trainings that foster global awareness, inspire students to take action on issues of concern, motivate them to perform better in the classroom, and develop their critical thinking, literacy, communication, and leadership skills. Global Kids is a leader in the field of service learning and a pioneer in using sophisticated technology to promote civic engagement and the development of 21st century skills.

We can tailor our unique offerings to address the specific needs of schools, districts, and youth organizations. Trainings can be held on site or at the Global Kids headquarters in Manhattan.

Global Kids Professional Development Packages

For more information about these packages, as well as customized trainings or the Global Kids Fellows Program, please contact us at 212-226-0130 x112 or at pdtrainings@globalkids.org. We offer discounts for those ordering multiple packages.

Service Learning:
- SL Package 1: The Basics of Service Learning
- SL Package 2: Linking Curriculum and Service
  - Option 1: Focus on Hunger and Poverty
  - Option 2: Focus on Environmental Sustainability
- SL Package 3: Youth Led Service Learning

Global Citizenship:
- GC Package 1: Global Citizenship 101
- GC Package 2: Developing Global Citizens
- GC Package 3: Children’s Rights Residency

Online Games-Based Education:
- GE Package 1: Games-Based Education 101
- GE Package 2: Playing 4 Keeps Capacity Building Program

Digital Media and Online Expression:
- DM Package 1: Digital Expression Program
- DM Package 2: Bringing Virtual Worlds into the Classroom
- DM Package 3: Digital Media Capacity Program

Creating Caring School Communities:
- CC Package 1: Caring Community Foundation Trainings
- CC Package 2: Building Youth Leadership and Youth Voice
- CC Package 3: Interactive Teaching Strategies
- CC Package 4: Peer Mediation Train the Trainer

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Global Kids Fellows Program

This year-long Fellowship trains a group of teachers and youth workers from across New York City in Global Kids methodology and content, and supports them as they implement Global Kids Clubs at their schools. The Fellowship involves intensive "train-the-trainer" professional development sessions, a retreat, co-facilitation experience with GK staff, and ongoing support and collaboration. Participants learn core Global Kids facilitation strategies and leadership development techniques and will be able to establish and lead a Global Kids Club. Each participant will complete a training and implementation plan, receive manuals, and be considered a member of the citywide Global Kids-certified educator corps.

To discuss customized training services and fees and also the GK Fellows Program, please contact Global Kids at 212-226-0130 x112.

This experience inspired me to be more action oriented in my personal life and in the work I do with students.
- Summer Teaching Institute Participant

Service Learning [SL]

Global Kids is partnering with the New York City Mayor’s Office and the Department of Education to bring progressive service learning to every public school. Global Kids offers practical training on how to organize and implement meaningful projects that promote service, global citizenship, and civic engagement.

SL Package 1: The Basics of Service Learning
Half or full-day training for up to 30 participants. Introduction to service learning methodology and philosophy, and strategies for incorporating service into the school environment.
Cost: $900 for half-day workshop; $1700 for full-day workshop

SL Package 2: Linking Curriculum and Service
Two days of training for up to 20 participants. Follow-up support for service project implementation, lesson plans, materials and experiential learning field trip.

• Option 1: Focus on Hunger and Poverty. This training will demonstrate how themes of hunger and poverty can build knowledge and skills in social studies, ELA, and math, while equipping students with the tools they need to take action on these issues. An optional field trip for educators to the Action Center Against World Hunger can be included at no additional cost.

• Option 2: Focus on Environmental Sustainability. This training will provide educators with learning activities that link such environmental issues as climate change, water, and pollution, to community service, within the framework of sustainability. An additional field trip to an environmental learning site can be included at no extra cost.

Cost: $4000 for training, follow up support, and optional trip.

SL Package 3: Youth-led Service Learning
Two days of training for up to 20 participants, plus a four-session capacity-building residency in four classes, support for service project implementation, lesson plans and materials. This package immerses teachers and students in the development of meaningful standards-based service learning projects, with an emphasis on youth leadership and empowerment. GK staff will customize learning content based on school interest, help build staff capacity through practical residencies, and provide a guidebook for replication of the program.
Cost: $10,000
Global Citizenship in the 21st Century [GC]

Youth need knowledge, experience, and 21st-century skills in order to compete in an increasingly complex, interconnected world. Global Kids uses interactive methods, compelling content, and a youth development approach to promote global citizenship, critical thinking, human rights, and cultural competence.

GC Package 1: Global Citizenship 101
Half or full-day training for up to 30 educators. This training will equip educators with useful frameworks and lessons for integrating global citizenship concepts into their curriculum.
Cost: $900 for half-day; $1700 for full-day

GC Package 2: Developing Global Citizens
Two-day training with curriculum materials for up to 30 participants.
Using the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a point of reference, Global Kids will provide participants with creative tools and techniques to engage young people in examining their role in the world. Participants will also learn to conduct project-based learning around human rights issues and civic responsibility.
Cost: $3400

GC Package 3: Children’s Rights Residency
Two days of professional development for up to 30 participants, combined with a four-session capacity building residency in four classes, lesson plans, resource materials and follow-up support. The Convention on the Rights of the Child [CRC] is the most widely ratified international treaty and an excellent springboard to connect local and global affairs with youth and spur them to action. Educators will engage in intensive training on how to use the CRC for year-long inquiry and project-based learning, and they will have the opportunity to co-teach with GK staff on such children’s rights issues as child soldiers, child labor, health, and poverty.
Cost: $10,000

Customized Training and Technical Assistance

In addition to the professional development packages offered above, Global Kids can customize workshops, trainings, and services based on specific requests and school needs. GK builds staff capacity through a variety of methods, including coaching and guided learning in the classroom; designing and leading school-based conferences; developing classroom, grade or school-wide projects; and facilitating collaborative curriculum planning. These custom-designed strategies can be employed to help school stakeholders incorporate GK methodologies and practices that build 21st century skills.
Online Games-Based Education [GE]
Since 2002, Global Kids has been a leader in the use of online games to promote global awareness, engaged citizenship, and 21st-century learning skills.

GE Package 1: Games-Based Education 101
Half or full-day training for up to 30 participants. Educators will learn how to use online games that directly or indirectly address core literacy and content areas; and also how to utilize free, web-based tools to support students in designing their own games.
Cost: $900 for half-day training; $1700 for full-day training

GE Package 2: Playing 4 Keeps Capacity Building Program
Three days of training for up to 20 participants, with 20-lesson game design curriculum and ongoing phone-based and online support. This training will prepare educators to lead their own 20-session version of GK’s highly praised Playing 4 Keeps game design program that supports youth to think critically about digital games, understand global issues, and design their own serious, socially conscious game.
Cost: $10,000

CC Package 3: Interactive Teaching Strategies
Full-day training for up to 25 participants. Participants will explore core experiential learning techniques and popular education practices that teachers can apply to differentiate instruction in their classrooms and engage students with diverse learning styles. Each teacher will create a lesson plan that allows her/him to apply new teaching strategies that engage, excite and motivate all students to explore standards-based subject matter. All participants receive sample Global Kids curriculum and materials.
Cost: $3,400

CC Package 4: Peer Mediation Train the Trainer
Three full days of training for members of the school community, three follow-up on site consultations, peer mediation curriculum, and planning tools. Peer mediators are effective allies for helping schools address conflict. This intensive training will equip school staff and selected students with the skills, structure, and tools they need to create and sustain a peer mediation program.
Cost: $7,000
Digital Media and Online Expression [DM]

Teaching with technology is more than simply using computers. Global Kids has lead the way in integrating technology into youth development, civic participation and global education programs. Global Kids’ trainings are designed to prepare youth to become responsible creators of innovative online content and digital media using web-based tools, social media sites, virtual worlds, and standard equipment.

DM Package 1: Digital Expression 101
One-day training for up to 20 participants. This training will prepare educators to utilize social media sites that support youth to express their knowledge and opinions on social and global issues within a collaborative community. The training will cover such media as photos, video, comics, games, and more. A related training focuses on web-based and social media tools that support educators in collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the development of innovative practices.
Cost: $1,500

DM Package 2: Bringing Virtual Worlds into the Classroom
Two-day training for up to 15 educators. This training will prepare participants to become proficient in the basic uses of the virtual world Second Life and become familiar with a variety of ways it can be used for learning. All participants receive Global Kids’ 450+ page Second Life Educators Handbook, which includes further self-guided trainings as well as dozens of handouts and lesson plans that can be used with students. Additional worlds beyond Second Life can be included upon request.
Cost: $4,000

DM Package 3: Digital Media Capacity Program
Three-day training, combined with ongoing phone-based and online support for up to 20 participants. This will prepare participants to lead their own ongoing digital media projects that address social, community, and global issues, and promote interdisciplinary learning. Focus areas from which to select include podcasting, animated movie production, social networking sites, and digital video production and editing.
Cost: $10,000

Creating Caring School Communities [CC]

Building a cooperative, respectful educational environment is critical for learning. When students are provided with the tools and opportunities to make well-informed decisions, they are better able to contribute as positive agents of change to their communities. Trainings prepare participants to identify and address the challenges facing young people through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and experiences.

CC Package 1: Caring Community Foundation Trainings
Half or full-day training for up to 30 educators. This training will cover such topics as youth development, teambuilding strategies, cooperative learning techniques, conflict resolution, classroom management, bullying, cultural diversity and youth empowerment.
Cost: $900 for half-day; $1,700 for full-day

CC Package 2: Building Youth Leadership and Youth Voice
Two full-day trainings with curriculum materials and planning tools for up to 20 educators. Participants will learn how to develop and implement a youth leadership program or project that incorporates authentic youth voice and hands-on projects. Follow up support via phone or online tools will be provided.
Cost: $3,400