

Discover! Excite! Connect!

Coverdell World Wise Schools, a Peace Corps program, strives to help U.S. schoolchildren better understand and appreciate the diverse cultures and issues of the world.





Connect With a Volunteer

Correspondence Match

Communicate with a Peace Corps Volunteer overseas through an exchange of letters, artifacts, photos, and artwork. Your class will be matched with a Volunteer currently serving in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean, or the Pacific Islands. Visit the World Wise Schools website to download an enrollment form.



Speakers Match

Building

Bring a returned Peace Corps Volunteer into your classroom! We will connect you with a speaker who lives in your area. To share in a Peace Corps Volunteer's stories and expertise in culture, health, environment, business,

and another language—or if you are a returned Volunteer wanting to share your experience—contact us at wwsinfo@peacecorps.gov.

Publications (pdf versions are downloadable free at www.peacecorps.gov/wws/publications)

Building Bridges: A Peace Corps Classroom Guide to Cross-Cultural Understanding

Designed for easy adaptation, this book contains short exercises and activities that build cross-cultural awareness, respect, and tolerance in your classroom. Activities reflect the Understanding by

Design curriculum framework. This guide was developed in partnership with the National Geographic Society Education Foundation. (6–12)

Voices From the Field: Reading and Writing About the World, Ourselves, and Others

Essays by Peace Corps Volunteers are accompanied by standards-based lesson plans that enhance students' understanding of other cultures. (6–12)

Uncommon Journeys: Peace Corps Adventures

Across Cultures

Crossing Cultures

With the Peace Corps

Essays by Peace Corps Volunteers convey the challenges, struggles, and triumphs of working among other peoples in distant locations. The selections are supported by standards-based lesson plans for use in grades 6 through 12.



Crossing Cultures With the Peace Corps

> Sixteen Volunteers write entertaining, eye-opening accounts of their service, each accompanied by easy-to-use teaching suggestions for grades 6–12. Activities are linked with national standards.



www.peacecorps.gov/wws

Stories and Lesson Plans

Access hundreds of stories and free lesson plans based on accounts of Peace Corps Volunteers. Lessons can easily be integrated in language arts, social studies, health, math, science, service-learning, environment, and geography classes.

Multimedia Center

Bring the world to your students' desktops with our multimedia center. Listen to stories, subscribe to podcasts, and view slide shows and videos to make countries around the world come alive in class. World Wise Schools provides new and engaging activities for your students through cutting-edge technology.

Service Learning

Find tools on the World Wise Schools website to plan, develop, perform, and evaluate service-learning projects. Stories and tips from Peace Corps Volunteers will inspire your students to make a difference in their school and community.



Water in Africa

A multidisciplinary unit examines the importance of water in all aspects of life and offers 20 standards-based online learning units with photos and stories from more than 90 Peace Corps Volunteers in Africa.



E-Newsletter

How about timely news and lesson plans conveniently delivered to your inbox each month? Each issue has a theme linked to lesson plans, stories, and activities on the World Wise Schools website and other sites.

Virtual Volunteers

Our online educational game allows students to play the role of a Peace Corps Volunteer working to help solve problems in a virtual village. Teacher resources accompany the challenge (www.peacecorps.gov/wws/educators/enrichment/wanzuzu).





We Can Help!

- Connect your classroom with a Peace Corps Volunteer serving abroad.
- Download free first-person accounts from Peace Corps Volunteers and related standards-based lesson plans.
- View narrated slide shows and videos online, and hear Volunteers tell their stories through podcasts.
- Sign up to find former Peace Corps Volunteers who will speak to your students.
- Get up-to-date teaching ideas in our e-mailed newsletter.
- Implement service-learning projects.