



Bringing Your Fulbright Experience Back Home

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The Vision



“The Fulbright Commission aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

-Senator J. William Fulbright



Peace Corps: A Parallel Program



“My Fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.”

-President John F. Kennedy



Fulbright + Peace Corps



- Creates Understanding
- Builds empathy
- Develops life-long relationships
- Fosters a more peaceful world



Fulbright + Peace Corps cont.



- Expect us to share our experiences and learnings
- Expectations understated/under-resourced
- Key question: How to Bring The Experience Back Home?



Fulbright Expects Expanded Citizen Engagement

- Citizens involved in public life working together to develop peaceful solutions to problems
- Does not mean political engagement
- Engagement can take lots of forms, be done in many ways and places



How to Engage?

- Forms: on-line, off-line
- Places: schools, religious institutions, civic institutions, non-governmental or other public institutions
- Ways: presentations (oral/written), meeting, new and traditional media



Why?

“The logic of the Peace Corps (Fulbright Program) is that someday we are going to bring it home to America (Argentina, China, Palestine, Spain and Uzbekistan, etc...)”

-President John F. Kennedy



What Can We Achieve?



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

--Margaret Mead, anthropologist

