

Building Global Community - words we can all learn from:

Think of no one as “them”
Don't confuse your comfort with your safety
Talk to strangers
Imagine other cultures through their poetry and novels
Listen to music you don't understand, dance to it
Act locally
Notice the workings of power and privilege in your culture
Question consumption
Know how your lettuce and coffee are grown: wake up and smell the exploitation
Look for fair trade and union labels
Help build economies from the bottom up
Acquire few needs
Learn a second or third language
Visit people, places, and cultures – not tourist attractions
Learn people's history
Redefine progress
Know physical and political geography
Play games from other cultures
Watch films with subtitles
Know your own heritage
Honor everyone's holidays
Look at the moon and imagine someone else, somewhere, looking at it too
Read the UN's *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*
Understand the global economy in terms of people, land and water
Know where your bank banks
Never believe you have a right to anyone else's resources
Refuse to wear corporate logos: defy corporate domination
Question military/corporate connections
Don't confuse money with wealth, or time with money
Have a pen/email pal
Honor indigenous cultures
Judge governance by how well it meets all people's needs
Be skeptical about what you read
Eat sparingly: enjoy vegetables, beans and grains in your diet
Choose curiosity over certainty
Know where your water comes from and where your wastes go
Pledge allegiance to the earth: question nationalism
Think South, Central and North- there are many Americans!
Assume that many others share your dreams
Know that no one is silent though many are not heard - work to change this.