



Global Citizenship & Project Development Course “Quick Look” Description

Based on Gandhi’s famous phrase “*be the change you want to see in the world,*” Sibanye’s Global Citizenship and Project Development Course is an opportunity for Sibanye Participants (both visiting and local South African participants) to explore their personal passions and interests and then apply them in a direct and practical way that engages and gives back to society. While learning about and moving through the different stages of the project development cycle, participants will both be challenged, and, given tools and strategies to look into how they can apply themselves and connect their personal passions and interests with meaningful outcomes. Although the course will have some exposure to theory, much of the course will take place through hands on experiential learning, through facilitated small group discussions, through fostering personal awareness and insight, and finally through engaging with a variety of experts and community stakeholders who can offer a diversity of perspectives. The course can be broadly separated into three main stages or sections that overlap and build on each other.

1.0 Concept & Planning (June 25 - July 6)

During the concept and planning stage of the course, Sibanye participants will partake in Sibanye’s Water Security and Resiliency Community Project in which they will install a rainwater collection tank for a local family or organization with their small group. Through this experience, participants will learn about different skills and strategies to lay the foundation and implement a meaningful project, will engage with the local community surrounding a meaningful and relevant topic, and finally will build relationships with their small group/team. Simultaneously, Sibanye mentors will work with the group to develop their own unique concept for a capstone project and help plan what is needed to implement their idea. Finally, students will also visit and speak with local experts and organizations related to their general theme and idea.

2.0 Initiation & Implementation (July 16 - July 29)

Building off Stage 1 of the course, Sibanye participants will have the unique opportunity to initiate and implement their concept and action plan for their own unique project. The groups project should be an intentional response to a relevant local or global issue currently facing society. Given South Africa’s social and ecology diversity, the small groups can select from a multitude of options thereby personalizing their project to their own unique interests and skills. For example a group interested in architecture may want to learn about affordable housing options for underprivileged citizens, while another group may be interested in the arts and want to create an artistic exhibition of what racial and social justice may look like.

3.0 Sustainability & Maintenance (July 30 - August 3)

Although the question of sustainability and transitions will be pervasive through the course, the final stage is particular focused stepping back and reflecting on this idea. During this stage participants are encouraged to consider their project and experience in the broader context of sustainable international development as well as at the very personal level of what resonated for them and how to embed and integrate their experience in their life moving forward. Finally, this stage is also when participants have the opportunity to showcase and exhibit their project to the broader community and to family and friends.