



Not only are we citizens of our municipality, province and our country but we are also global citizens. We are all connected and interdependent citizens with global rights and responsibilities. No matter where we live, we share the Earth and its resources. What happens in one part of the world affects us ALL!

People have different opinions about what it means to be a global citizen. Many see **global citizenship** as one or more of the following:

1) International trade and investment.

- ☉ Transnational corporations sell products around the world, use resources from many parts of the globe and benefit from trade agreements between nations.

2) Being responsible for our Earth, its resources and our fellow citizens.

- ☉ Concerned that the increasing use of technology and industry around the world threaten the environment of the Earth as a whole.
- ☉ See harmful developments such as climate change and destruction of the rainforest, as a threat to us all in this global village in which we live.
- ☉ Argue that global citizenship means being informed, purposeful and active in order to try to protect the earth and its inhabitants from social or political injustice and ecological disaster.

3) The responsibility to ensure that all peoples of the world can live in peace, enjoying an adequate quality of life.

Oxfam, an international relief agency working to put an end to worldwide poverty, has combined many views and defines a global citizen as someone who:

- ☉ is aware of the wider world and has a sense of his or her own role as a world citizen **(Informed & Purposeful!)**
- ☉ respects and values diversity **(Informed & Purposeful!)**
- ☉ has an understanding of how the world works economically, politically, socially, culturally, technologically and environmentally - **(Informed!)**
- ☉ is outraged by social injustice - **(Purposeful!)**
- ☉ participates in and contributes to the community at a range of levels from the local to the global - **(Active!)**
- ☉ is willing to act to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place **(Active!)**
- ☉ takes responsibility for his or her own actions **(Informed, Purposeful, Active!)**

