WHAT YOU "GHANA" DO?
EXPLORING ACTIVE CITIZEN CONTINUUM

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INTRODUCTION

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• By attending this session, participants will:
  – be able to identify the active citizen continuum as it relates to your involvement in your community.
  – recognize that individual efforts can have a positive impact on the community through leadership and service efforts.
HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD (A WORK IN PROGRESS)
CAN ONE PERSON REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Think about all the people you may have had an impact on in your life.

Take a moment and list as many people that come to mind that have impacted you.
The Active Citizen Continuum

Member → Volunteer → Conscientious Citizen → Active Citizen

- Not Concerned With His/Her Role In Social Problems.
- Well-Intentioned but Not Well-Educated about Social Issues.
- Concerned With Discovering Root Causes; Asks Why?
- Community Becomes A Priority In Values And Life Choices.
THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL
PART ONE: OLIVIA'S STORY

Member
Not concerned with their role in social problems.
AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED... IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'VE LIFTED UP, WHO YOU'VE MADE BETTER. IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE GIVEN BACK.

DENZEL WASHINGTON
PART TWO: OLIVIA'S STORY
WHY VOLUNTEER?

WHAT HARMs THE LIVES OF YOUNG AMERICANS?

- Lack of community
- Unreached educational potential
- Low self-esteem

Volunteering can alleviate all those problems.

SO HOW DOES VOLUNTEERING HELP?

- 71% of regular volunteers report that building trust among people in society is a benefit of their own volunteering.

- Students who volunteer are 19% more likely to graduate from college than their non-volunteering peers.

- 51% of regular volunteers showed moderate to large improvement on achievement tests in language arts or reading.
PART THREE: OLIVIA’S STORY

Conscientious Citizen
Concerned with discovering root causes; asks why?
OBVIOUS

UNDERLYING SYMPTOMS

CONCEALED

EMERGENT
PART FOUR: OLIVIA’S STORY

Active Citizen
Community becomes a priority in values and life choices.
SO NOW WHAT?
HOW TO MAKE IT A REALITY?
NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF

Thoughtful, committed (active) citizens can
CHANGE the WORLD!

Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.
-MARGARET MEAD

QUESTIONS?
REFERENCES


- http://alternativebreaks.org/