

Shoulder-to-Shoulder

Global Schools Coalition

Schools Around the World Working Together to
Inspire the Next Generation of Ethical Leaders

Experiential Learning and Professional Development

Created by an International Community of Schools and Nonprofits

STUDENTS  SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER

501c3

OUR MISSION...

...IS TO INSPIRE
AND SUPPORT
GENERATIONS OF
ETHICAL LEADERS.

Our Vision...

... engages schools as central partners to address the root cause of every pressing challenge in our local communities and around the world - absence of ethical leadership.

Our Strategy...

... creates synergy with schools, nonprofits, and philanthropists to inspire ethical leadership and moral awareness in school communities.

Our Story...

... begins 13 years ago with a few teachers believing that strategies to address local and global challenges are also opportunities to inspire ethical action in students and their school communities.

Our Organization...

... is a 501c3 nonprofit, creating a community of partners to inspire and support ethical leadership.

OUR PARTNERSHIP MODEL . . .

. . . is integrative, creating a cost-effective pool of resources to develop global citizens and ethical leaders that schools can tailor to meet the needs of their students and faculty.



STUDENT PROGRAMMING

GROUNDING IN PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL LEADERSHIP • DESIGNED TO INSPIRE ETHICAL ACTION • GUIDED BY TODAY'S RELEVANT CHALLENGES



FIELD STUDIES

Summer Programs

Ethical leadership in action at one of our 12 field sites. Students from member schools (GSC) are guided by educators from the GSC who are trained as field instructors by SStS. Together they learn experientially alongside NGO directors and local community leaders. Before travel, instructors lead a comprehensive online case study to enrich and be continued in the field experience.

Custom Programs

The field studies described in “Summer” (above) are tailored to your schools time frame (eg. Spring Break, Early Summer, Senior Project). Field studies are led by at least one school faculty member, trained as a field instructor by SStS, along with an SStS course instructor. SStS organizes logistics and risk management with guidance and approval of each member school.

Backyard Programs

SStS partners with member schools and local nonprofits in their communities to create a curriculum-based, SStS experience, available to all students and faculty. This includes overnight stays integral to the experience. We encourage a long-term partnership throughout the academic year.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Expeditionary Workshops

Workshops focus on real world topics, inspiring skills and knowledge relevant to ethical leadership. All workshops are project-based, hands-on, led by experts, with limited screen time.

Ethical Leadership Speaker Series

Conversations with ethical leaders to inspire actionable strategies for students. Compelling role models sharing insights and expertise. These interactive sessions draw on students’ insights, curiosity, and emerging world views.

Custom Course Modules

Offered as one-or-two week timely topics (e.g. race, equity, inclusion, climate change) woven into the curriculum of courses to bring the ethical lens to classrooms. Featuring expert speakers, these modules are customized, developed, and facilitated by SStS in partnership with classroom teachers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GROUNDED IN CHARACTER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION • DESIGNED TO INSPIRE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP



IN-PERSON PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Yearly Ethical Leadership Forum

Registration, room, and meals provided for two teachers/staff. Additional members welcomed at cost. Teachers and school personnel unable to attend the Forum in person may attend the virtual event free of charge.

Field Study Leaders

Priority access for teachers to lead SStS courses. Three-day training in Colorado plus all costs of the field study provided.

Summer “Offsite” Professional Development

Professional development workshops led by SStS, hosted in Costa Rica or Colorado for teachers from Shoulder-to-Shoulder schools. Can be customized for individual schools.



VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Impact Workshops

Experiential, small-group courses for educators, created for measurable impact on students, faculty, and community.

Professional Learning Series

Facilitated conversations with members of the SStS educator community on timely topics. Conversations inspire and connect educators to problem-solve together.

Yearly Ethical Leadership Forum

Unlimited educators from your school can attend the virtual part of the Forum free of charge. Educators can also bring speakers to their classrooms virtually to inspire conversation.



BUILDING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Backyard Project

SStS partners with members schools and local nonprofits in their communities to create a curriculum-based experience available to all students and faculty. This includes establishing the partnership, building the curriculum, planning the experience, and developing risk management protocols. Tuition-based.

Custom Consultation & Workshops For School Teams

SStS works with your school team to translate ideas into action. Topics include advisory programming, collective impact, service learning, and global programming. Special pricing for member schools. Available virtually or in-person.

NGO Leader Visits

NGO leaders present on members’ campuses using formats customized by each school. Travel/lodging arranged by SStS. Individual schools are responsible for the NGO leader’s honorarium and travel expenses. These visits can also be arranged virtually.

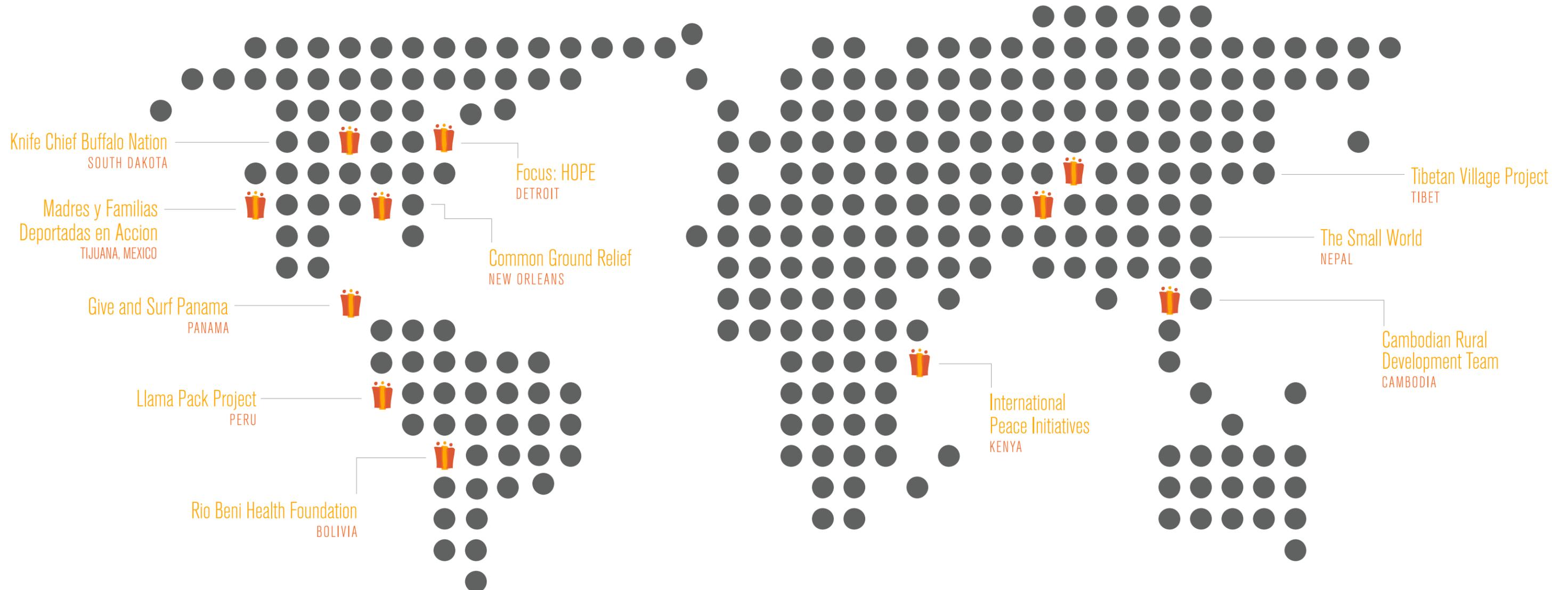
SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER NONPROFIT PARTNER COMMUNITIES

LONG-TERM NGO PARTNERS

TRUSTED PARTNERSHIPS ON FOUR CONTINENTS

Our NGO partners are the driving force of all programming.

- ROLE MODELS OF ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
- MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO ONLINE EXPERIENTIAL COURSES
- GRASSROOTS EXPERTS IN DEVELOPMENT
- RESOURCES FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS





GLOBAL SCHOOLS COALITION

CREATING AND EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL CITIZENS AND ETHICAL LEADERS

The Global Schools Coalition is an organization of college preparatory schools that work together to create practical resources to educate global citizens and develop ethical leaders

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The benefits of participation in Students Shoulder-to-Shoulder to the students who enroll in courses are obvious. They emerge more resilient, more empathetic, more understanding of our common humanity. What may be less obvious is the impact SStS is having on our school community overall. The members of our faculty who have been thoroughly trained as course instructors have become seeds of positive change within their divisions and departments and within the general faculty.



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DENVER, CO



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BIRMINGHAM, MI



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AUSTIN, TX



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ST. AGNES SCHOOL
ALEXANDRIA, VA



THAYER ACADEMY
BRAintree, MA



TRINITY SCHOOL
NEW YORK, NY



VAIL CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
VAIL, CO



VAIL MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
VAIL, CO



WAYNFLETE SCHOOL
PORTLAND, ME

INSPIRING AND SUPPORTING ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

Ethical leadership stands firmly on the foundation of the virtues and skills expressed on this page. Inspiring and supporting these qualities of character in emerging generations is the central purpose of SStS.

All of us live in communities that struggle with issues related to poverty, social injustice, inequity, lack of inclusion, and climate change. SStS creates its programming in the context of the noble efforts to address these challenges. Our “learning service” is grounded in the humble mindset of learning experientially today so that we can lead ethically tomorrow.

AN ETHICAL LEADER...



Is Compassionate

Feels or recognizes suffering and injustice

And is compelled to find solutions



Has a Moral Imagination

Exhibits curiosity about the way the world IS

And is inspired by ideas of how the world OUGHT to be



Is Morally Courageous

Acts on strategies guided by moral awareness

And is persistent enough to endure barriers to progress



Has Integrity

Thinks deeply about right and wrong to guide actions

And is open to change based on experience



Balances Prosperity and Public Purpose

Understands the complexity of defining “prosperity” and “public purpose”

And is capable of balancing the two



Applies Global Perspectives

Understands the potential of global interconnectedness

And is respectful of its inherent cultural diversity



Is Systems Oriented

Appreciates the complexity of integrated systems

And searches “upstream” for long-term solutions



Shares Leadership

Brings together diverse perspectives

And is inspirational, modeling shared responsibility, shared vision, and shared value



SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER'S GLOBAL SCHOOLS COALITION IS GROWING MEMBERSHIP

Member schools work collaboratively to educate global citizens and inspire ethical leaders through substantive, experiential programming.

For more information regarding standards and benefits of membership, please contact the Executive Director, Robert Bandoni, or the Program Director, William Cotter.

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