

Developing Your Vision for Positive Social Change Program Transcript

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LAURA MCCORMICK: According to the author of our textbook, we can ignore the problems that lie just beyond our front doors or we can work, as well as we can, to shape a more generous common future. By exploring the social issue, you chose during week two, you have been actively acknowledging and working toward creative solutions to a problem that is potentially impacting you, your family, friends, neighbors, and or community.

You are demonstrating what you value. Your actions, whether as simple as talking to someone about a social issue or as large as starting a grass roots movement, yield consequences for future generations. Your final presentation will be a combination of your work from weeks two to four. In your final presentation you will summarize what you have learned about your chosen social issue. Present potential solutions to the social issue. And discuss key actions that you might personally implement toward resolving this social issue.

Keep in mind that your work may inspire your fellow classmates. Likewise, not everyone might agree with your perspectives and ideas. The author of our textbook informs us that although we may not always agree with the viewpoints of others, we renew our souls in the company of other human beings. By looking beyond our own interests, we are united and free to rejoice in the happiness of others. What good would this world be without the company of our fellow human beings? Without our friends and family.

Consider the golden rule, or ethic of reciprocity, that you were introduced to in week one of this course. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The golden rule is often regarded as the most concise and general principle of ethics.

Nearly every religion, ancient and modern government, and philosophers, advocated for the necessity for citizens to participate in socially responsible behavior. Various philosophical perspectives and theories on morality, like those you explored in week one, contribute to an understanding of our deep rooted human need to question the roles that we play in society. What will be your role?