

ARE YOU READY TO
MAKE AN IMPACT?

THE CLUB KIT



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FRIENDS

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WHERE YOU LIVE SHOULDN'T DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ACCESS A CLASSROOM EDUCATION IS FOR EVERYONE. FAR AWAY FRIENDS

OUR MISSION

FAR AWAY FRIENDS
equips youth WITH THE TOOLS
TO **break cycles of poverty**
forever.

HOW WE WORK

WE PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY
education IN RURAL UGANDA
AND IMPROVE RESOURCES FOR KIDS
THROUGH **school outreach**
AND **community**
development INITIATIVES.

FAR AWAY FRIENDS CLUBS

OUR CLUBS EMPOWER & EQUIP
young people TO MAKE A
global impact BY FUELING
THE VISIONS OF LOCAL LEADERS
IN RURAL UGANDA, AFRICA.



ABOUT OUR FAF CLUBS



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Far Away Friends High School Clubs exist to mobilize an **international network of young global citizens** to create socially conscious, real-world impact during their school year. Students will be **paired with a Sister School in rural northern Uganda** and together, will **fuel projects that help improve access to education and break cycles of generational poverty**. FAF engages young people through a three-tiered process of communication, training & action-taking.



know better, do better

Together we'll cover a range of topics to develop ourselves as better global citizens, covering topics from the global education crisis, to combatting white saviorism, to the importance of local leadership.

fundraise for impact

Your club will be paired with a **Ugandan Sister School** who you'll partner with to fuel projects that improve access to education in rural villages. Your club will be part of a network of schools across the USA creating real, lasting change in rural Uganda.

friendship is everything

When you join a FAF Club, you'll create lifelong friendships - not only with your peers, but with students, teachers and local leaders across the world who are part of the Far Away Friends community!

STARTING YOUR CLUB



ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER!

Since 2014, we've been transforming access to education for children in rural Amolatar District, Uganda, with a vision of equipping every child with the tools they need to break cycles of poverty forever. By starting a FAF Club, you'll become part of our frontline team taking action to make a difference.

FIRST STEPS TO STARTING A CLUB

FIND A TEACHER SPONSOR

You'll need a Teacher sponsor from your school to oversee your club meetings. Contact your favorite Teacher and ask if they'd be your sponsor! If they can't commit to sponsorship, ask them for leads of other teachers who might be able to.

GET ADMIN APPROVAL

You'll need approval from your school Administration to launch your club officially. **Use this kit as a tool** to create your own club constitution.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Come up with a weekly meeting date & time your club will meet. We've found that clubs who **meet weekly** usually make the biggest impact.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Launch your club with a BANG by advertising your first meeting in creative ways. Club Fairs or Freshman Orientation Days are a great way to attract new members.





LEADERSHIP & OFFICER ROLES

The founding members of your school's Far Away Friends Club should choose leadership positions that best fit your unique talents. We've found that starting your club with at least two members in leadership positions (President & Vice President) is important for long-term success.

POSITION	RESPONSIBILITIES
CLUB PRESIDENT YOUR RIDE-OR-DIE, ON FIRE PASSIONATE CLUB LEADER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLAN & LEAD ALL MEETINGS• KEEP TEAM ON TRACK TOWARD GOALS• RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS• WORK WITH SCHOOL ADMIN & TEACHERS
VICE PRESIDENT CLUB CO-LEADER & "GOAL KEEPER"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEAD MEETINGS IN ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT• MOTIVATE YOUR TEAM TOWARD GOALS• ASSIST PRESIDENT WITH PLANNING MEETINGS• KEEP TRACK OF YEARLY GOALS AND PROGRESS
SECRETARY TAKES KILLER NOTES & KEEPS Y'ALL ON TRACK.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUBMITS MEETING LOGS TO MENTOR• MANAGES CALENDAR & TRACKS FUNDRAISER/EVENT DATES
TREASURER GOOD AT MATH, LOVES MONEY AND IS AN EXTROVERT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TRACKS ALL FUNDRAISING GOALS & ACTIVITIES• ISN'T AFRAID TO SPEAK UP AND ASK FOR MONEY!• MOTIVATES TEAM TO REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOALS

**THE ONES WHO ARE CRAZY ENOUGH
TO THINK THEY CAN CHANGE THE
WORLD, ARE THE ONES WHO DO.
- STEVE JOBS.**

MEETINGS



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YOUR FIRST MEETING



BELOW IS A SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR YOUR FIRST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

MEETING #1

PRO TIP: FOOD, DRINKS AND GOOD MUSIC ALWAYS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER. BRING SOME SNACKS AND PLAY A UGANDA -THEMED PLAYLIST!

SIGN IN: Always collect your member's contact information. Have everyone sign in at the door with their name, email & phone number

ICEBREAKER: Every FAF Meeting ***always*** begins with a fun icebreaker. It's a great way to get to know each other better. (See *RESOURCES* for ideas)

INTRODUCTION: Have everyone introduce themselves and share what brought them to the FAF Club Meeting. What do they hope to learn/experience as a member of this club?

PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION: Share what inspired you to start a FAF Club at your school. People want to know why YOU care! Walk them through our website and watch Far Away Friends' About Us video.

ACTIVITY: Give everyone a piece of paper and something to write with. Have them write their name in the middle of the page. Have them write everything they know about Uganda/Africa on the paper around their name. Collect these and have your club sponsor or president hold on to them. At the last meeting, you'll repeat this activity to see how much you've learned/how your perspective had changed! Feel free to make it fun with stickers, markers, colored pencils, etc!

DISCUSSION & CLOSE MEETING: Take a vote as a group for the best day and time for next meeting, thank everyone & close meeting.



SUGGESTED MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

HERE IS A GENERAL OUTLINE FOR WHAT EACH MONTH OF MEETINGS COULD LOOK LIKE. OF COURSE, HOW YOU RUN YOUR FAF CLUB IS TOTALLY UP TO YOU!



WEEK ONE: IMPACT CHECK-IN

Start each new month of club meetings with an impact check in. What have you accomplished so far? What fundraisers do you have planned/want to plan? What does each person in your club need to do to make that happen?

NOTE: If this is your first meeting of the year, start with the Meeting #1 outline one page 6.

WEEK TWO: SKILLS FOR LIFE LESSON

While you participate in your club activities, your sister school is completing their Skills for Life lessons 8,000 miles away in Uganda! Take the second meeting of the month to choose a lesson from the Skills for Life curriculum (linked here) and complete the activities! This will not only help you better understand your sister school, but also give you something to discuss with your pen pals!

NOTE: Club leaders should (as much as possible) choose the activities before the meeting so they can lead their group in the activity/make sure they have all the materials they need!

WEEK THREE: GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP TRAINING

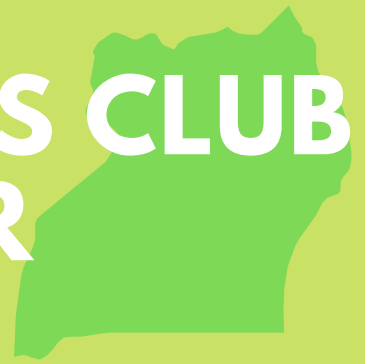
Your third meeting of the month should be dedicated to a Global Citizenship training! These can be found in our Global Citizenship Curriculum (linked here). You do not need to complete these in any order; it is up to you and your club leaders what you'd like to learn about that week! You can also find additional resources in our Clubs Only Blog (linked here - password: Uganda), which is updated monthly!

WEEK FOUR: REC & REFLECT

The last meeting of the month is always about CELEBRATION! Take the time to reflect on what you have accomplished this month and build community with club members! You can find reflection discussion at these meetings on page __)



FAR AWAY FRIENDS CLUB SAMPLE CALENDAR



MONTH

CAMPAIGN/ THEME

DISCUSSIONS/ ACTIVITIES & TOPICS

**AUGUST
&
SEPTEMBER**

**CREATING
PATHWAYS
TO EDUCATION**

- ABOUT FAR AWAY FRIENDS
- GOAL SETTING FOR THE YEAR
- WHAT IS GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP?
- UNPACKING GLOBAL POVERTY
- UGANDAN HISTORY & THE LRA
- WHITE SAVIORISM DISCUSSION

**OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
&
DECEMBER**

**SCHOOLS
FOR
SCHOOLS
COMPETITION**

- MEET YOUR PARTNER SCHOOL!
- PARTNER SCHOOL NEEDS ASSESSMENT & COLLABORATION
- IMPACT PLANNING
- FUNDRAISING 101
- PUBLIC SPEAKING / ADVOCACY

**JANUARY
FEBRUARY
&
MARCH**

**LOCAL
LEADERSHIP &
THE
MARKET DAY
FUND**

- HISTORY OF COLONIALISM
- EMPOWERMENT OF GIRLS IN UGANDA (GENDER/M.H.M)
- LOCAL LEADERSHIP & ECONOMICS

**APRIL
MAY
& (SOMETIMES)
JUNE**

**BECOMING
ADVOCATES
FOR CHANGE**

- CLIMATE CHANGE & POVERTY
- COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE DAY
- END OF THE YEAR FAF COMMUNITY PICNIC

PRO TIP:

Go over this calendar with your club members over the course of the year and allow everyone to share their input on your club's direction! Need more topics for meetings? [Visit the Club Portal here!](#)



SEPTEMBER GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LESSON



Click the title to access the presentation for this meeting!

BELOW IS A SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP MEETING! THIS WILL LIKELY BE YOUR FIRST GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LESSON OF THE YEAR, SO TRY IT OUT AND SEE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOUR CLUB!

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LESSON PRO TIP

PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS COME TO THESE LESSONS WITH DIFFERENT IDEAS, BELIEFS, AND LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING. BE SURE TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE FEELS HEARD AND NO ONE FEELS CALLED OUT!

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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PRESENTATION: WHY UGANDA?

After whoever is presenting this week has [reviewed this presentation \(linked here\)](#), share it with your club members by presenting it at the meeting.

DISCUSSION: Participate in a 10-15 minute discussion with your club members using the discussion questions in the presentation to guide you. (Also see page __ of RESOURCES for tips on how to lead a productive discussion!)

ACTIVITY:

WRAP UP: These conversations can be tough. We suggest wrapping up your meeting with a few people saying what their grateful for, or another silly icebreaker question to leave club on a positive note!

OCTOBER GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LESSON



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ACTIVITY: Either on the smartboard in the classroom or on individual computers, [play the game SPENT online by clicking here: https://playspent.org/html/](https://playspent.org/html/). After playing for 10-15 minutes, bring the group together for a debrief. What did it feel like? How does it relate to the discussion on poverty you had today?

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RESOURCES



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FAF CLUB & SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

SCHOOLS *for* SCHOOLS



FAR AWAY FRIENDS CLUB
SISTER SCHOOLS NETWORK

PEN PAL PROGRAM
CROSS CULTURAL
COMMUNICATION

SKILLS FOR LIFE CLASS
SISTER SCHOOLS NETWORK

Global Citizenship & Leadership Trainings
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

IMPACT PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES
COLLABORATE FOR CHANGE

Menstrual Hygiene & Mentorship Workshops
AFRIPADS DISTRIBUTION

Community Service Day
SEPTEMBER

Student Summit
SEPTEMBER

DID YOU KNOW...

Far Away Friends Clubs are part of our Schools for Schools program, connecting students from across the world. While your club is learning about how to become global citizens and take action about causes you care about, students at your Sister School are learning Life Skills that will help prepare them to become leaders in their communities, too. Together with your Sister School in Uganda, we'll have the opportunity to collaborate to make real-world change this school year.



DISTANCE MEANS SO LITTLE WHEN SOMEONE MEANS SO MUCH

SOCIAL MEDIA (INSTAGRAM & TIKTOK)

We encourage you to use social media platforms like Instagram & TikTok to engage with your peers, other school clubs and your school community! Before launching a new FAF Club account, please get permission from your Teacher Sponsor and a staff member of Far Away Friends first.

FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

Please inform your FAF club **Mentor** or a member of our staff if you're planning a fundraiser so we can support you by setting up a custom donation site or providing you with our tax information. **Far Away Friends is a 501(c)3 registered nonprofit, through which all donations are tax-deductible.** Gifts can be made through our website FARAWAYFRIENDS.ORG or via check (contact us for address)

FAF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

At least once per year, members from your club will have the opportunity to meet & collaborate with other FAF Clubs from across the country through our virtual FAF Community Meetings. While optional to attend - you won't want to miss them! These 1 hour meetings will be held on a Saturday morning so that our Ugandan Leadership Team can meet YOU and update you on how your support is making an impact!

PHOTOS & MEDIA

As a partner of our organization, your club is able to use any of the photos or media on our website, Instagram or YouTube. If your club needs other content or photos, please reach out to Jayme at JAYME@FARAWAYFRIENDSGLOBAL.COM



FUNDRAISING TIPS



WE BUILT OUR SCHOOL BY COLLECTING \$20 DONATIONS FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY. YOU ARE CAPABLE OF CHANGING THE WORLD JUST BY SHARING YOUR PASSION!

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER: Host a fundraising night with a different restaurant every month & invite the whole school to come! (*Chipotle, Panera & Mod Market are great give-back partners!*)

DARES FOR DONATIONS: Have Teachers or Staff from your school accept dares if you reach a certain level of donations raised. (*Dye their hair blue, Rap over the school intercom, play baby food roulette*)

HOLIDAY "GRAMS": Sell candy with messages attached (Val-O-Grams or Candycane Grams) and coordinate their delivery to students in class.

BAKE SALE: FAF Clubs are KNOWN for their EPIC Bake Sales! Have each member of your club bring a baked item to sell after school (don't forget vegan & gluten free), and create a welcoming table in a high traffic area. Tell your customers how they're making a difference, blast Ugandan pop music & make it a fun experience!

VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW/RAP BATTLE/COMEDY NIGHT: Host an in-person or Virtual event like a "Battle of the Bands" or a talent show. Sell tickets to attend the event, or create "Watch Party Packages" to sell that include snacks and swag.

SCAVENGER HUNT: Sell tickets to participate in a school wide (or city wide!) Scavenger Hunt! Use a portion of your proceeds to reserve a great prize for the winner, like an Amazon gift card or even cash!

ONLINE FUNDRAISING: Is the easiest way to reach big goals!
Contact us to set up your Club's online fundraising page.



IDEAS FROM OTHER CLUBS



NO NEED TO REINVENT THE WHEEL! HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS FROM OTHER CLUBS TO MAKE YOUR MEETINGS CREATIVE AND FUN!

COUNTIN' DOWN THE COUNTRIES: Our FAF club at Lakewood High School starts each meeting by showing a picture of a different country in Africa. Club members take turns guessing, then they watch a video to learn more about the day's country!

MONTHLY CHALLENGES: The Dakota Ridge high School Club in Colorado invites their classmates, teachers, and even administrators to participate in monthly fundraising challenges, from a "Hot Ones" wing challenge to duct taping their teachers to the wall!

FAF MISSION STATEMENT POPCORN: Begin each meeting by reciting the FAF's mission statement -- but the catch is, you have to do it one word at a time! If two people say the same word, you start from the beginning!

FAFS-GIVING: A few FAF clubs meet at the end of the semester for a potluck style gathering to celebrate their accomplishments for the year. Everyone brings some food and plays some games to get to know the club a little better!



WHY UGANDA? FAST FACTS



While talent is distributed equally, opportunity is not. We are a community of friends who believe that where you're born shouldn't determine your access to wealth, health or education. We envision a future where every child, in every school, in every community across the world has access to the tools, resources and opportunities to build their dreams and break cycles of generational poverty forever. In the next century, Africa will become home to the largest workforce on the planet.

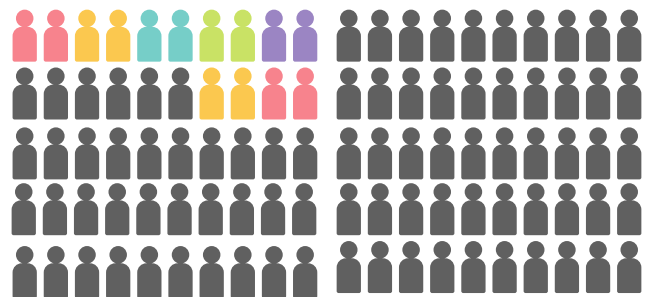
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IT'S LARGEST DEMOGRAPHIC:

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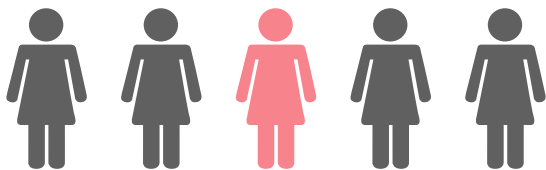


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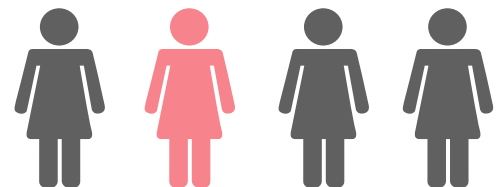
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN
NORTHERN UGANDA ONLY



14% OF KIDS WILL GO TO
HIGH SCHOOL.



ONLY 1 IN 5 GIRLS
IN RURAL UGANDA WILL
GO TO HIGH SCHOOL



1 OF EVERY 4 GIRLS
WILL BECOME PREGNANT
BY AGE 19

TODAY'S CHILDREN ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS.
TOGETHER WE ADVOCATE

#FORTHEKIDS

