

## Qualities of the Global Citizen

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Qualities of Global Citizens	Priority #	Reasons
Global citizens try to understand other people and have empathy for them.		
Global citizens act fairly in their choices, their decisions, and their words.		
Global citizens believe that they are just as important as everyone else.		
Global citizens believe that all people are equal. They do not think of some groups or individuals as superior or inferior to others.		
Global citizens accept differences and do not react with hostility to people who are different from them.		
Global citizens are willing to help and cooperate with others.		
Global citizens have their own ideas and express them, but they are open to changing them if they are proved wrong.		
Global citizens are curious and want to learn more about the world.		
Global citizens look after the environment and don't waste things.		
Global citizens believe they can make a positive difference in the world.		

## *Background information*

According to OXFAM (1997), a global citizen is someone who:

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

Source: OXFAM's Cool Planet, What Is Global Citizenship?:  
<[www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/teachers/globciti/whatis.htm](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/teachers/globciti/whatis.htm)>

