The Story of an International Service Learning Program in Scotland

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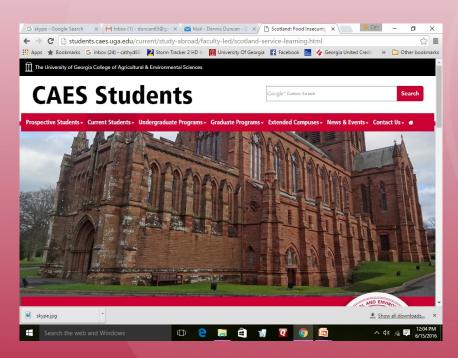


The Process of Building an International Service Learning Course

- Exploratory trip to the University of Glasgow Dumfries campus
- Securing departmental, college and university support
- Multiple skype calls with partners
- Exploring food insecurity issues locally & globally
- Building curriculum



Promoting an International Service Learning Course

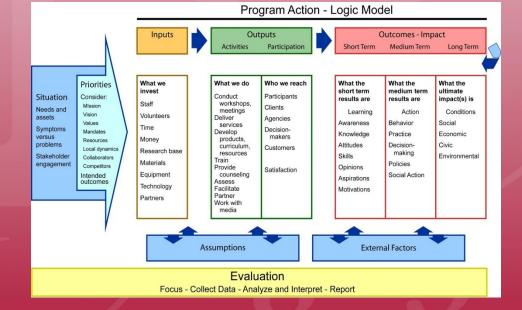






Project Design for the Global Component

- skype calls
- Developed 2 projects w/Troqueer Primary and First Base Food Bank





Project Design for the Local Component

Met with representatives







- Listened to their needs
- Created 4 projects: planting bed preparation, harvesting, food preparation & food delivery to local seniors

Global Projects













Local Projects







Evaluating Impact on Students





Student Reflections

"This trip opened my eyes to how important service – learning and agricultural education are. It is one thing to sit in a lecture and listen about the importance of agriculture - it is another thing to actually get your hands dirty and create a rapport within a community. The feelings I had coming out of this experience really grounded my decision to pursue a career in Extension!"



Student Reflections

Troqueer Primary School

"Connecting a need with a physical structure was what made this trip worth while. I was able to serve a community while stepping out of my comfort zone."



Student Reflections



"This trip helped me realize that the solution to hunger in the world is all about partnerships. If greater connections with a variety of stakeholders are made, practical solutions can be developed."

Student Recommendations



- Split into teams
- Our work during the departure became easier when we split up and delegated tasks according to strengths.
- Start the semester with a physical class
 - Accountability in work
 - Teamwork
 - Friendship



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Thanks so much!





