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A spirit of internationalism is found in those who seek to discover and embrace the similarities and differences between cultures and nationalities in ways that promote meaningful and lasting understanding and respect. It encompasses an appreciation for the increasing interconnectedness of the world, our greater dependence on the global economy and interdependence as nations as a result of massively increased commerce and cultural exchange.

The growth of digital communication across geographical borders and the sharing of each other's cultures through travel and trade is understood. There is an appreciation that national differences are lessening and a blending of cultures, traditions and cultural exchange is on the increase.

A person living out a spirit of internationalism respects the need to preserve and celebrate national identity, cultures, traditions and heritage. Opportunities are sought to connect with those from different countries and cultures, exchanging points of view and ideas across borders and developing international and intercultural understanding. These inform an appreciation of how others might view or think about a shared event such as a trade agreement, a partnership or a cultural exchange.

A spirit of internationalism also includes an understanding of the tension between increased wealth creation in developing countries and a continuing gap between the world's poorest countries and the world's richest.



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Communication Skills 	Round Square Explorers recognise that different communication methods, styles and practices are appropriate to different nationalities and cultures, and can tailor their approach to suit. They are interested in ideas and influences from other countries, and are ready to share their own ideas through a mutually respectful exchange.	
Inquisitiveness 	Round Square Explorers are prepared to make continuous enquiries in pursuit of their own international understanding. They seek to discover and embrace the similarities and difference between cultures and nationalities in ways that promote mutual, meaningful, and lasting understanding, tolerance and respect	
Appreciation of Diversity 	Round Square Explorers recognise, value and promote the strength of an inclusive society that embraces all individuals regardless of nationality, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, socio-economic situation, impairment or sexual orientation.	
Ability to solve problems 	Round Square Explorers demonstrate an interest in, and understanding of, global issues and world problems. They are committed to joining the quest for solutions on a local, national and international scale, and understand that this will require globally collaborative problem solving, and direct action.	
Sense of responsibility 	Round Square Explorers develop an appreciation of inter-community and inter-cultural issues on a global scale. They demonstrate understanding of their role, as responsible global citizens, in effecting positive change and promoting meaningful and lasting tolerance and respect between countries and cultures	
Self-awareness 	Round Square Explorers develop awareness of their own circumstances and perspective in the context of the wider world. Their understanding of how their own values, beliefs and biases influence their interactions with the world leads to personal goal-setting, growth and positive change	
Tenacity 	Round Square Explorers are persistent in their quest to discover and learn about the world, its physical and social geography, communities, countries and cultures. They open, nurture and continue international dialogue that brings greater understanding of the wider world and their place within it.	
Courage 	Round Square Explorers have courage to venture out into the world beyond their national borders and build international understanding through practical experience. They are prepared to face up to international and intercultural inequalities both overseas and closer to home, and are ready and willing to become positive global changemakers.	
Commitment to sustainability 	Round Square Explorers demonstrate interest in finding sustainable solutions to global issues such as poverty, inequality, hunger, environmental degradation, resource scarcity and climate change. They develop an informed commitment to sustainable ecological, economic, political and cultural development on a global and local scale.	
Teamwork 	Round Square Explorers discover how to form and work in effective intercultural teams through engaging in teamwork on a global scale. They understand that diversity brings strength and dynamism to a team by providing different perspectives, individual viewpoints, unique contributions and opportunities for creative collaboration.	
Inventiveness 	Round Square Explorers communicate and collaborate on an international scale, and in doing so, develop novel ways of thinking and doing. Inspired and challenged by views and concepts from different countries and cultures, they embrace new ideas and demonstrate divergent thinking, creativity, imagination and innovation.	
Compassion 	Round Square Explorers learn to balance instinctive compassion with an appreciation of the international context, values, society and circumstances of a situation. Upholding values of global citizenship, they show empathy for the plight of people in need, regardless of country or culture, and a desire to work with them to alleviate their suffering.	