



Experience a uniquely practical and innovative way for

Creating Engaged Global Learning Communities

Fostering Emotional Resilience, Empathic Dialogue and Deep Intercultural Connections

“In order to respond to global crises, we will need to transform education. I believe the CBE virtual peer method can make a significant contribution in that process.”

Charles Hopkins, UNESCO chair, York University, Canada

THE OPPORTUNITY

Many institutions experience this challenge: You have powerful content, a dedicated team, and an ambitious mission. Yet, you are looking for practical ways to deeply connect your learners (locally and globally) and create engaging peer communities that enable transformative learning experiences.

To meet this challenge, [Crossing Borders Education](#) (CBE) is offering you a networking opportunity to experience, together with 12 global learning professionals, a new, innovative, media-enhanced, uniquely interactive Virtual Peer Dialogue method for use with your student groups. The CBE methodology is shaped and brought alive by CBE film work which is dedicated to capturing authentic voices of diverse students. This method will enable you to build trust between diverse learners in uniquely practical ways that are then easily scalable as pre-semester programs, curricular modules or extra-curricular events. In June, 2023 we will facilitate **Intercultural Demo Workshops** so educators can experience first-hand the power of these dialogues before they become available for student participation in August (pre-semester) and November (International Education Week).

THE INVITATION

Join a group of global learning professionals in a demo workshop that will model this proven, patented-pending methodology to actively engage your learners by:

- growing trust and deep connections between diverse participants
- expanding intercultural perspectives and practise empathic dialogue
- cultivating practical Life Skills such as relationship-building and listening (see [Building Nurturing Community](#), a 2.5 minute film clip in which students talk about the life skills they are practising through the workshops)
- translating enhanced awareness of self, others, and the world into practical, emotionally sustainable, concrete actions

Purdue University's Center for Intercultural Learning, Mentorship, Assessment, and Learning (CILMAR) and Crossing Borders Education would like to invite you, or your designee, to this highly personal networking opportunity and participate in our free demo workshop in mid-June ([Register here](#)). In the workshop, CILMAR colleagues and CBE facilitators will introduce the unique Virtual Peer Dialogue methodology and create a glimpse of the highly engaging, uplifting, and personal workshop experience.

After participating in the demo session, you will be able to register 4 students for peer facilitator training and a group of 20 students for an upcoming workshop series (the pre-semester workshops in August or the International Education Week workshops in November). These intercultural peer dialogue programs respond to the intersecting needs of higher education institutions to support students':

- **Mental health:** In a safe space for students to share and develop resilience skills, participants learn a simple, practical method that can help them form peer support groups at their institutions.
- **Interactive skills:** The method develops life skills, often also referred to as "soft," intercultural, wellbeing, civil dialogue, collaboration, teamwork, and leadership skills.
- **Global networking and collaboration:** In this "third space," students are connected with peers from around the world.
- **Empowerment:** The dialogues embed students in uplifting communities to nurture practical, small, purposeful actions that enhance participatory culture and civic imagination.

These two workshop series are part of a larger effort to scale up meaningful intercultural programs to 20,000 youth by the end of 2023. Some of our partners in this effort include:

- Cisco Networking Academy ('largest classroom in the world', 3.3M enrolled students)
- UNESCO-MGIEP (transformative education for sustainable development goals)
- Purdue University's Center for Intercultural Learning, Mentorship, Assessment and Research (partnering with CBE to assess learning and certify peer facilitator training)
- The Charter for Compassion (a global network of 3,000 non-profit organisations)
- Colleges & Institutes Canada (Canadian network of higher education institutions)
- Outrage+Optimism podcast (host Christiana Figueres was the Executive Secretary of COP18 negotiating the Paris Climate Agreement)