Children of the World

Throughout the planning process, the children will research different cultures and countries, and will share their findings within several different Build Day activities.

**Age Appropriateness:**
5-8, 9-12, 13+

**Key Topics:**
Cultural Awareness
Respect
Appreciation

**Skills:**
Creativity
Critical thinking
Researching

**Materials:**
Will depend on what Build Day activities you choose

**Time Considerations:**
1-2 Hours to research the countries
1+ Hours for Build Day activities (depending on what you choose)
5-10 minutes for a Closing Ceremony presentation

**OBJECTIVES**

- Make the children aware of how unique different cultures can be, and the importance of respecting them.
- Help the children appreciate different cultural backgrounds, including their own.

**Preparation**

- Hold session for students and explain the project to them.
- Create a timeline with objectives that they need to complete each week.
- Brainstorm with the children on ways they can share the information they’ve learned with the volunteers on Build Day (multicultural cookbook, a mural with different flags of the countries, a world map, a song or performance, etc).

**Action**

- Assign different cultures and/or countries to different groups of kids.
- Provide the children with the resources to research these cultures.
- Decide what activities they will be doing on Build Day. (Assemble a materials list accordingly).
- Incorporate any performances or artwork into the Closing Ceremony

**Reflection**

Ask the children what they have learned throughout this activity.

What is one interesting thing they learned about their cultural background? What have they learned about a different background?

Talk about the importance of respect and appreciation for different cultures. Teach them how service learning can empower them to spread this message to others.